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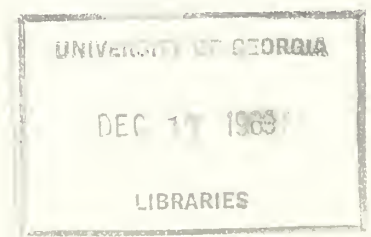
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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

We are glad to start this monthly NEWSLETTER, as we feel it is a form of communication that is needed. Your park progress will be of interest and may be of benefit to your fellow superintendents.

Each of you realize how interesting this information can be. We hope you will take time each month to send us a short report on your park operation and all interesting events as they take place.

Remember, the success of this NEWSLETTER will depend on the information we receive from each park!

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ATTENTION, SUPERINTENDENTS!

Interest in others is a necessary attitude and can be developed. One must first accept the fact that other people have thoughts, feelings and hopes much like our own. A visitor should never be taken for granted!

One of the most effective ways to win the good will of visitors is to help them feel that their needs and comforts are the only things of importance to you at that moment.

Observe the following "Ten Commandments" and apply them to the everyday operation of your park:

TEN COMMANDMENTS

For the CARE and FEEDING
of Visitors to Georgia State Parks

1. Thou shalt not frown or scowl at visitors, for a visitor is your bread and butter.
2. Thou shalt ask pleasantly if you can be of service to visitors.

3. Thou shalt make yourself a storehouse of information for visitors and cheerfully share your knowledge with them.
4. Thou shalt answer questions, seventy times seven, with a smile.
5. Thou shalt keep your sunny side up even though weary after the day's labor.
6. Thou shalt be as prompt as possible when serving visitors.
7. Thou shalt be neat and clean, for cleanliness is a mark of politeness to others.
8. Thou shalt cause children to have a happy visit, for their memories will profit you in the future.
9. Thou shalt encourage travelers to STAY and SEE GEORGIA for thereby will you and the entire State benefit.
10. Thou shalt send visitors on their way with smiles on your face and theirs.

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OF INTEREST

As you know, each park is identified by a number. Listed below is your park number. Please observe --- this is for your information.

<u>PARK NUMBER</u>	<u>PARK</u>
01	A. H. Stephens
02	Amicalola Falls
03	Bainbridge
04	Black Rock Mountain
05	Bobby Brown
06	Chehaw
07	Cloudland Canyon
08	Crooked River
09	Elijah Clark
10	Fairchild
11	Fort Mountain

PARK NUMBER

PARK

12	Fort Yargo
13	Franklin D. Roosevelt
14	George W. Carver
15	Georgia Veterans Memorial
16	Gordonia Alatomaha
17	Hard Labor Creek
18	Hawkinsville
19	Indian Springs
20	Jefferson Davis
21	Keg Creek
22	Kolomoki Mounds
23	Lake Chatuge
24	Laura S. Walker
25	Lincoln
26	Little Ocmulgee
27	Magnolia Springs
28	Mistletoe
29	Nancy Hart
30	Red Top Mountain
30-1	Red Top Mountain (Little Marina Lease Rental)
30-2	Red Top Mountain (Big Marina Lease Rental)
31	Reed Bingham
32	Santa Maria
33	Seminole
33-1	Seminole (Dunn's Camp Lease Rental)
34	Senoia (Deeded to City of Senoia, 6/67)
35	Stephen C. Foster
36	Tugaloo
37	Unicoi
38	Victoria Bryant
39	Vogel
39-1	Vogel (Walasiyi Inn)
40	Yam Grandy
41	Lake Lanier
42	High Falls
43	Moccasin Creek
44	Blackburn
45	Hart County
46	Hamburg
47	Richmond Hill

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RECENT PERSONNEL TRANSFERS

Mrs. Grace Parker transferred from the Accounting Division to the Personnel Department as Assistant to Mr. John Wilkes.

Superintendent Louis Taylor transferred from A. H. Stephens to Indian Springs.

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BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Roger Bennett	August 1	Mahlon Bedell	Sept. 4
Homer Lingerfelt	August 8	Sandy Smith	Sept. 8
Louis Taylor	August 22	Jimmy Arnall	Sept. 10
Harold Hunter	August 22	Lou Adams	Sept. 12
William Hodges	August 24	George Tatum	Sept. 12
Ray Gentry	August 28	Joe Mealor	Sept. 19
Mr. Peeples	August 31	Aubrey Jenkins	Sept. 22

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PERSONNEL NOTES

Our "Get Well" thoughts go to Mabel Wilkins. Mabel has been in Georgia Baptist for the past 3 weeks, but is at home now and feeling much better. She has certainly been missed by all.

Miss Ann Adair has resigned. Miss Adair was secretary to Mr. Jim Prevatte, Director of the Land and Water Division. Miss Brenda Bell has temporarily replaced her as secretary. Brenda will be going back to college in September, and will be replaced by a pretty blonde, whose name we will announce later.

Miss Anita Hunter is Mr. Tom Massey's new secretary, and quite pretty I might add. Anita has recently become engaged and has a ring that will knock you out! Congratulations, Anita.

Ed and Sandra Henry — we understand "Old Man Stork" will be paying you a visit sometime in March. Congratulations, we hope it's a BOY....

Don and Sandy Smith have a new baby girl at their house. She was born June 25 and they named her Donna Leigh.

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RETIRED

Mr. J. M. Crawford, Superintendent of Cloudland Canyon State Park, Rising Fawn, Georgia will retire on October 1, 1968. Mr. Crawford has been with the department since January, 1955. Mr. and Mrs. Crawford, we are going to miss you!

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NEW PERSONNEL

Kay Anderson	Accounting Dept.
Dot Holmes	Planning Division
Anita Hunter	Bond Issue Program
Herbert Moyer	Accounting Dept.
Carole Price	Information Division
Andrea Thornton	Accounting Dept.

W E L C O M E ! ! !

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Wedding bells will be ringing November 2 for our Director's Secretary, Saralyn. Miss Christian will exchange vows with Sgt. Douglas Lamar Middlebrooks at Prospect Methodist Church in Covington. After their honeymoon, the couple will reside in Milstead, Georgia.

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NEWS

from
the
PARKS

BLACKBURN STATE PARK

Dawsonville, Georgia - Allison Deal, Superintendent

Blackburn State Park has been humming this past month with attendance and revenue up, partly because we are finding some gold (several pieces smaller than a dime) and partly because the park is becoming known.

Vogel and Amicalola State Parks have been of great assistance, as I get some of their overflow, and Vogel has been bringing a group down each Wednesday for a guided tour of my park, including a tour of the mine, a talk on the history of this area, and a chance to pan gold in the area of America's first Gold Rush. The cooperation of both Charlie Collins and Ed Henry is much appreciated.

Blackburn has been fortunate in having up to six Youth Corps boys for the summer, and construction in the picnic area and on the roads along with park beautification has progressed nicely. I feel this program is well worth while.

Blackburn's Museum is now open to the public and we have a nice amateur type rock collection on display. Approximately 35 parties have promised rock donations and gold mining relics for display on future visits to the park.

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GORDONIA ALATAMAHA STATE PARK

Reidsville, Georgia - C. P. Flowers, Superintendent

Recently 80 acres of land was purchased for this park. Also, two plots of approximately 1½ acres each was donated by the families of the late J. Cliff Kennedy and the late S. G. Tos.

Mrs. Joyce Higby, a Certified Instructor, taught swimming lessons to 200 youngsters at the park pool this summer. She also held a class in lifesaving and five received certificates.

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GORDONIA ALATAMAHA - continued

A new rest station has been to the park this summer. Picnicking has tripled since the last few summers.

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FORT YARGO STATE PARK

Winder, Georgia - Paul Murphy, Superintendent

Bids have been received on Fort Yargo Disabled, and we expect to sign a contract soon. Watch the newspapers!

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LAND ACQUISITION

The Hamburg area located in Washington County was officially purchased by the Parks Department on July 24, 1968.

The Hamburg tract is located on both sides of County Highway No. 248, approximately 16 miles north of Sandersville, Georgia.

The Hamburg site consists of 740 acres with several structures located thereon. Also, there is a 225 acre lake.

Mr. W. F. Hall has been appointed temporary caretaker.

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R E M E M B E R, we need your news! This is your NEWSLETTER, and its success depends on you.

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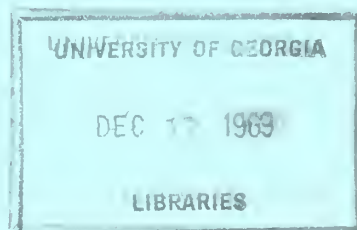
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A WORD FROM OUR DIRECTOR.....

One year ago this month I became your appointed Director, and without reservation or hesitation, I can say this has been the happiest year of my entire life!

The happiness that progress brings could not have been mine without your loyalty and support — for this I will always be grateful.

We realize that it is difficult to follow progressive men. Compound success is very difficult; yet, we have been able to accomplish this feat. About 30 days ago each department head was asked to record the progress made in their department for the past year over the previous year. These reports were amazing. The progress made in each park has been so outstanding that it is noticeable to each visitor, and we are reminded daily by the letters we receive from happy people in your park.

Keep up the good work so that next year will be even greater — isn't it a pleasure when everyone works together?

These figures indicate progress:

	<u>1966-67</u>	<u>1967-68</u>	<u>Increase</u>
Revenue	\$ 728,921.	\$ 898,747.	23.3%
Attendance	\$ 6,506,819.	\$ 6,777,336.	4.1%

In July 1, 1968 the attendance was 1,532,000 compared to 936,000 for July, 1967, for an increase of 64%

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Enthusiasm for our first "Newsletter" is as high as the top of Black Rock, and the suggestions and compliments are pouring in! Thanks to all who contributed to our first "Newsletter" — we appreciate your votes of confidence. Not a single park contributed news items for this issue, but we hope to see all parks represented in the November issue. So, don't be bashful — send us your story or suggestion having to do with your park and we'll print it.

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PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION

John W. Wilkes, Personnel Officer

WHY PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION?

"Man does not live by bread alone", is a familiar quotation which pierces to the core of all personnel relationships. We should ask ourselves "what rewards does an employee seek to gain from his employment"? Important as his paycheck is to him, are there not, also, other, less tangible, but non the less substantial returns for which he likewise strives?

The mature worker takes pride in his work. He derives satisfaction from a job well done. He wants the respect, the esteem and appreciation of his fellows, of his employer or employees and of the public. He does not want to lose himself in his work, but rather to find himself.

We must constantly help each worker to learn to do his job better and more efficiently, encouraging him to further his skill and training, providing opportunities for in-service and outside study and assisting him to achieve further promotion and advancement. We must establish and maintain pleasant and healthy working conditions and congenial companionship. Courtesy and tact are as essential on the job as elsewhere. With successful Personnel Administration employees do not work for us, but with us. Their attainment of success and happiness is clearly reflected in the success and progress of the organization which employs them.

Personnel Administration continued

Are you doing a good job as Personnel Administrator of your park? Would your employees go all out to back you 100 percent because they like and respect you? No longer is fear of loosing a job the factor for holding good employees — but fair play does pay off.

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RHYME TIME DEPARTMENT

A horse can't pull while kicking.
This fact I merely mention.
He can't kick while pulling,
Which is my chief contention.

Let's imitate the good old horse
And lead a life that's fitting;
Just pull an honest load, and then
There'd be no time for kicking.

HORSE SENSE
Anonymous

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SAFETY NOTES:

"It takes one minute to write a safety rule.

It takes one hour to hold a safety meeting.

It takes one week to plan a safety program.

It takes one month to put it into operation.

It takes one year to win a safety award.

It takes a lifetime to make a safe worker.

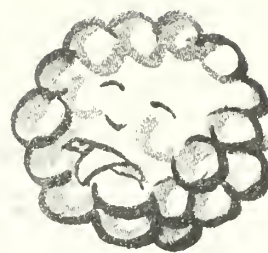
BUT, it only takes one second to destroy it all with an accident."

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Roses & Razzberries



BLACKBURN

Allison Deal, Superintendent

Supt. Deal is doing an excellent public relations job. He knew his subject and the area thoroughly and obviously loved his work. His enthusiasm was contagious. He has certainly put a lot of hard work into this lovely park. We've visited nearly all the parks in our state, but this small one is a favorite, new as it is.

Mr. and Mrs. Parry Owens
Atlanta, Georgia

FORT MOUNTAIN

Tom Winkler, Superintendent

I wish more states had parks like this one. The superintendent was the nicest we've ever met. Sell it to Texas -- we need it.

L. C. LaDuke
San Antonio, Texas

GORDONIA ALATAMAHA

C. P. Flowers, Superintendent

This park is very clean and well kept. Washrooms the cleanest of any park visited. Attendant, C. P. Flowers was very helpful. Stayed one night only, but plan to come back.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Fritz
Canada

LAURA S. WALKER

Bob McCraw, Superintendent

We had been away from home for almost two weeks, and we found Walker to be one of the best parks we had visited. The area is clean, and the accommodations are good. The superintendent, Bob McCraw, is something "special". His courtesy and friendliness permeates the whole camp, and it seems to make campers feel right at home. Hope to make it back some day.

Johnnie and Nila Wilhelm
Garland, Texas

VOGEL

Ed Henry, Superintendent

More guys!

A lonely girl

A. H. STEPHENS

Alex Brock, Superintendent

Have thoroughly enjoyed my visit, as I stayed over two hours at Liberty Hall. The Department of State Parks deserves a lot of credit for the beautiful places made available to the public. I can think of nothing else that would make this State Park any better except MORE VISITORS who would appreciate it as much as I have. I have visited all of them in Georgia and can say I have been impressed with all of them.

James F. Fountain
N. Augusta, S. C.

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Rest rooms dark, dingy & DIRTY. Why not clean and paint now that so few people are visiting the parks. We won't be back.

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Teenage attendants need course in courtesy and sermon on refraining from use of bad language in presence of minors.

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(The above two "Razzberries" are authentic — could this possibly be YOUR park???)

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PERSONNEL NOTES

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. Bebea Dean on the recent death of her husband. Bebea is secretary to Miss Robin Jackson.

We are happy to report that Mrs. Mabel Wilkins is back at work and feeling much better now. It's certainly nice to see you behind the "old desk" again Mabel — this just hasn't been the same place without you!

We all hate to see our friends Sandra and Ed Henry leave the department, but cannot blame them for making the move based on the offer they received from the State of South Carolina. They have certainly left their footprints of progress at Vogel, and we wish them well always.

Mr. Monroe B. Andrews, Superintendent of Bobby Brown received his 10-Year Faithful Service Award at a Kiwanis Club meeting at the Civic Center in Elberton on September 19. The presentation was made by Mr. John Gordon.

The week of September 15, Mrs. Grace Parker attended the "Management Seminar" at the University of Georgia. Grace came back all inspired to render the best service possible to the Personnel Department.

Our "Get Well" wishes go to Mrs. Judy Griffith. Judy has been in Crawford Long Hospital since September 25,

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but we hope to see her up and around real soon.

Mrs. Inez Anderson is back, and are we ever glad to see her! Mrs. Anderson worked at Red Top during the summer season, but will be with us this winter.

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PERSONNEL TRANSFERS

Alex Brock - from A. H. Stephens to Vogel State Park

Emmett Darden - from Jeff Davis to A. H. Stephens

Roger Bennett now has his own park. He will be the new Superintendent of Jeff Davis State Park.

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NEW PERSONNEL

Mrs. Judy Griffith - Secretary to Mr. Jim Prevatte in the Land and Water Division.

Mr. Bill Marx - Superintendent Trainee

Miss Marsha Smith - Secretary to Mr. Ralph Lambert in the Accounting Department

A BIG WELCOME FOLKS!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Our Director, Mr. John Gordon October 22

L. B. Edwards	October 4	Bert Evans	October 19
Robin Jackson	October 7	Bebea Dean	October 31
Gerald Evans	October 9		
Charlie Jones	October 10		

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VERY IMPORTANT

All payrolls are now done on the machine instead of by hand.

Cut-off dates are the same, 12th and 26th of each month. The deadline for payrolls reaching this office is the same, 15th and last day of each month. The big difference is that if your payroll is not on hand to be placed on the machine on or before the deadline date, it will cause a delay of from 7 to 15 days. This cannot be avoided, regardless of the reason for the delay.

It will be up to you, the superintendents, to explain this to your employees should you be so unfortunate.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Before you criticize this issue too heavily, REMEMBER we did not receive a single news item from you, the superintendents. We have no way of knowing what's going on unless you inform us. You send us the news — we'll print it good or bad!

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"THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH"

OMPHALOSKEPSIS is no substitute for action.

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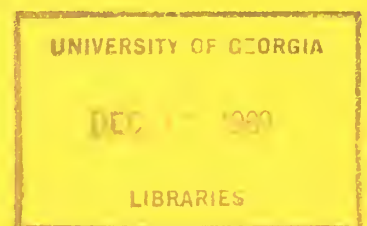
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LETTER FROM THE BOSS

It is gratifying to see how revenue continues to increase from practically every park. It places the few parks who do not increase in a very conspicuous position.

When we have increased revenue, we know that we are having more people to enjoy our facilities. Even parks in the upper corner of the state where the winters are more severe have reported solid bookings of the cabins through the month of January.

It was only a few years ago that several of these same parks closed after Labor Day and were not open to the public until the following spring; so, we have come a long way in furnishing facilities that are appreciated and patronized by the public.

Keep up the good work!

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A NOTE FROM YOUR EDITOR..

TRICK or TREAT! The TREAT is another issue of your NEWSLETTER (ha!), and the TRICK is to get everyone to participate in making our NEWSLETTER a success. We did receive some good news items this month, but still not every park has been represented. Now that the busy season is drawing near, give some thought to some interesting news item you would like to contribute to keep everyone in the Parks Family informed. This is about the only form of communication we have to keep in touch. Suggestions on how we might improve our NEWSLETTER are most welcome, as we want you to enjoy and benefit from it.

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NEVER AGAIN

Lost four months and 20 days canvassing, lost 966 hours of sleep thinking about the election, lost 49 acres of good corn and a whole lot of sweet potatoes; lost two front teeth and much hair in a personal encounter with an opponent.

Donated one beef, four shoats and five sheep to barbecue; gave away seven pairs of suspenders, eleven calico dresses, and 26 baby rattlers; kissed 321 babies, kindled 19 kitchen fires, put up nine stoves, cut 14 cords of wood, carried 33 buckets of water, gathered 7 wagon loads of corn, shelled 39 bushels of purple hull peas, pulled 575 bundles of fodder, and churned butter 104 times.

Walked 5,012 miles, shook 9,080 hands, told 10,001 lies, talked enough to make 850 volumes, attended 26 revivals, was baptized 4 times, made love to 13 grass widows, got dog bit 29 times and THEN GOT DEFEATED!

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BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Mabel Wilkins	November 3
Cecil Hall	November 3
Judy Griffith	November 9
Saralyn Christian	November 11
James Royal	November 11
Fred Allen	November 14
James Tabb	November 14
Horace Pruitt	November 18
Charlie Collins	November 23
Shorty Letson	November 23

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Roses & Kazzberries



MOCCASIN CREEK

Webb Short, Superintendent

Moccasin Creek State Park is the most beautiful park we have visited. It is a place where you can find peace and contentment as well. Please do not change it. Mr. Short, the Superintendent, is best known and best liked of all we have seen. This park is unusual in that you have a beautiful view as well as beautiful grounds.

R. B. Dickerson
Hapeville, Georgia

RED TOP MOUNTAIN

Wyatt Clark, Superintendent

One of the best organized and supervised campsites I've ever had the privilege to camp in. Facilities are well located and adequate. Opportunities for recreation are unlimited. I wish only that I had more time to visit this lovely park. The superintendent was the nicest we've seen yet.

James W. Johnson
Elizabeth, Indiana

LITTLE OCMULGEE

Julian Price, Superintendent

Don't see how anyone can be served better. This park is 100%. Also the management is very courteous and helpful.

George Gullo
Tampa, Florida

BOBBY BROWN

Monroe Andrews, Superintendent

This was my first camping trip and it was most enjoyable. Our camp was very well kept and clean. Everything was very quiet. I would recommend this park to anyone going camping.

Mrs. Thomas C. Fincher
Atlanta, Georgia

TUGALOO

Charles Cobb, Superintendent

We enjoyed our visit to Tugaloo very much. The scenery was beautiful this time of the year and this is the nicest state park we have visited in Georgia. We like camping and really appreciate living in a state that has so many nice parks.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest P. Brown
Atlanta, Georgia

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Park Superintendent refused to tell a visiting relative where we were camping. Barely opened the door and gruffly said "go look for them among the campers -- there's over 100 here and it would take me too long to find their name on the register".

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We camped in an area that was infested with ants. We arrived late and did not discover this before going to bed. We spent most miserable night with ants crawling all over our faces, necks, arms, etc. The grounds should have been treated or at least the public warned.

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NEWS:

FROM THE PARKS

BLACKBURN

Allison Deal, Superintendent

We have seeded our campground at Blackburn, and done some erosion control work. I must say that it has really improved the campground considerably.

Blackburn had a Girl Scout Troop from Marietta, Georgia visit overnight two weeks ago. We had a lecture on conservation, gold lore, and assisted them with qualifying for their conservation badges. One project we accomplished was the transplanting of white pines in the park entrance area, which we dubbed "Bonnie and Clyde". In a few years some beautiful white pine shade trees will grace the park entrance, thanks to Troop 33 of Marietta. We also all enjoyed a hay ride during their stay on the park.

It's getting too cold to pan for gold except for the hardy type of visitor, but those willing to pan are still able to find enough gold for souvenirs.

Construction on two picnic shelters is now under way.

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BOBBY BROWN

Monroe B. Andrews, Superintendent

Water and electricity to the camping area was completed on October 9.

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STEPHEN C. FOSTER

Lawrence Day, Superintendent

The deep black waters of the Okefenokee are calm after a fairly good season. As you ride out into the swamp, the alligators won't even smile for you now — they look at you as if to say "what are you doing out here — our season for picture taking is over".

The swamp is taking a fall glow. The leaves are turning orange, yellow, brown and red. This time of the year the swamp is as breath-taking with color as the mountains.

Even though the alligators won't smile, our herd of deer are still anxious to have their picture made, especially if someone has food in their hands. All total we have about 12 deer that will eat out of your hands. This is a real thrill for a child, as well as for an adult.

Now there's another little animal here that's a "little pest". You probably guessed it — a racoon! They are simply little beggars. They stand on their hind paws and put out their front paws for something to eat. Their pastime is raiding the trash cans. They also love the candy machines. Yes, they can get in it too if left out overnight. The only difference is they don't need money. They just hang onto the handles with two of their paws and put their other paws up the hole of their choice, pull away, and eat 'till they're full.

Sandra and I would like for all you superintendents and your families to visit us sometime during the winter months. We have five nice cabins, so come on to the peaceful, restful, quiet and beautiful STEPHEN C. FOSTER STATE PARK.

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REED BINGHAM

C. J. Powell, Superintendent

The NCHA had their fall campout at Reed Bingham on the weekend of October 18-20. There was a turnout of better than 200 families. We enjoyed fine weather and good fellowship.

Highlights of the meeting was the dedication of a new Chapel in the campground, which was constructed by the NCHA members. The Chapel was dedicated to C. J. and Georgia Powell for their excellent work with park visitors and with the community in the promotion of their park.

There was a fish fry provided by local merchants for 1,600 NCHA guests. Local merchants made numerous contributions, door prizes and promotional material for the weekend.

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FORT YARGO

Paul Murphy, Superintendent

Construction has begun on the outdoor recreation facilities for the disabled at this park. Construction is expected to take a year.

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ENTRANCE SIGNS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AT THE FOLLOWING PARKS:

Chehaw
Hard Labor Creek
Fort Mountain
Cloudland Canyon
Vogel

Amicalola
Black Rock
Red Top
Stephen C. Foster

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RETIRING

The Grand Old Man of Georgia State Parks is leaving us. There has never been a better liked or a more respected man in our organization than our Mr. John W. Stokes.

Mr. Stokes will retire on November 15, 1968. He will certainly be missed around the office, as well as on his parks. We all join in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Stokes a very happy retirement.

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NEW PERSONNEL

Dick Gray ^{Assistant}	Information Division
David Hanson	Superintendent Trainee
	F. D. Roosevelt

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PERSONNEL TRANSFERS

Mr. Russell Slaton will take over Mr. Stokes' job as District Supervisor.

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PERSONNEL NOTES

Grace Parker's son, Jimmy, will be married November 9 to Miss Martha Sue Steel at Briarcliff Baptist Church.

Lou Adams' son and daughter-in-law were in a serious car accident 2 weeks ago. They are having some complications, but all in all are doing very well.

Mr. John Wilkes attended the International Personnel Conference (P.P.A.) held in New Orleans October 20-25.

Mr. Herbert Moyer's mother is in Emory Hospital. We send her our "get well" wishes.

Johnny Wilkes, son of John Wilkes, who has been serving in Vietnam, will meet his wife for a 7-day reunion in Honolulu.

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DEDICATION OF THE HARD LABOR CREEK GOLF COURSE..

On Wednesday, October 23, 1968 at 2:00 P. M. the Hard Labor Creek 18-hole Golf Course was officially dedicated.

Among the dignitaries on the platform were Governor Lester Maddox, Congressman Robert G. Stephens, Thomas T. Irvin, Executive Secretary to Governor Maddox, Roy Wood, Regional Director, Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, Senator Brooks Pennington, Representative Roy Lambert, W. Norris Bryan, Chairman, Morgan County Commissioners, J. M. Griffin, Chairman, Golf Course Advisory Committee, John L. Gordon, Director, Department of State Parks, Henry D. Struble, Deputy Director, Department of State Parks, Jeff Naugle, Project Engineer, Department of State Parks, William M. Turner, Golf Course Designer, Bob Jones, Smith & Jones, General Contractor, and Reverend John Jenkins, Pastor, Rutledge Methodist Church.

It was a perfectly delightful affair. Before the services, the guests enjoyed barbecue chicken with trimmings and home-made cakes.

After the services refreshments were served in the new clubhouse and everyone was invited to participate. There were free green fees to everyone immediately after the ceremonial ball was driven off Number 1 tee by Governor Maddox.

A vote of thanks is extended to Lucille and Dodson Carter for their tireless efforts in making this day a huge success.

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WOULD YOU BELIEVE ????

Webb Short had to kill an owl that measured 51" from wing tip to wing tip because he was violating park rules.

As he reported, this owl was going to the fish hatchery, stealing fish and eating them on the concrete tables in the tent camping area -- and you know since he wasn't registered, that was against park rules, so he just did away with him.

Now tell me, can ^{you} top that?

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OF INTEREST

A lady called the office and wanted to donate an Eagle to the Parks Department, as he had made his home in her back yard.

We had one energetic lady call and give us her qualifications, as she wanted to apply for a position as Lady Superintendent -- I bet some of you wives could give her that info, huh?

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Well, that's all folks!

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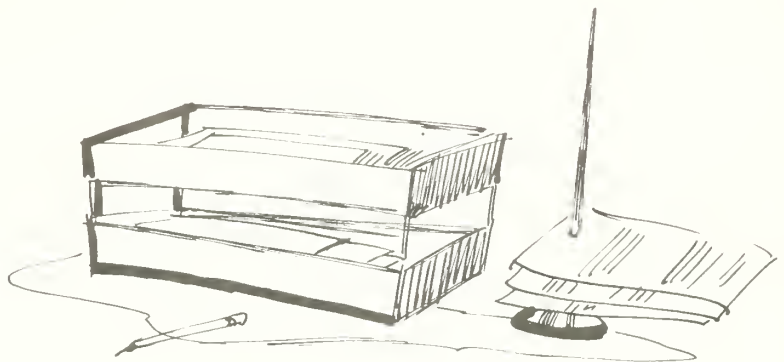
JOHN L. GORDON, Director

DICK GRAY - EDITOR



...It is with mixed emotions that Ye Olde Ed attempts to follow the Act of "NEWSLETTER, by Sandy Smith." This is a hard Act to follow, believe me! Putting first things first, nevertheless, we would like to echo certain sentiments Sandy inserted in the October, last, issue: "Thanks to all who contributed... We appreciate your votes of confidence." Even more than the votes, we appreciate the items of interest fluttering into the "IN" basket, without which this task would not get off the Park-ground, so to speak. 'Nuff said. ON with it!.....

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...and then there was the famous psychologist who had finished his lecture and was answering questions. A meek little man asked: "Did you say that a good poker player could hold down any kind of executive job?" "That's right," answered the lecturer. "Does that raise a question in your mind?" "Yes," was the reply. "What would a good poker player want with a job?"

---BELL RINGER

...speaking of jobs... The beautiful brunette was applying for a job as a secretary. Her prospective boss asked how she spelled "Mississippi." She frowned a moment, then asked "The river or the state?" but got the job anyway.

---OVERHEARD

--PARK NEWS--

REED BINGHAM-

Superintendent C.C. Powell reports completion of two more picnic shelters; he adds that the new miniature golf course should be completed 'most any time, now.

STEPHEN C. FOSTER-

Superintendent Lawrence Day notes that recently his park suffered its closest call to a drowning in its history. A local resident was out seven miles into the swamp, fishing, when he apparently struck his head and fell into the water. His feet caught on the boat, and this was his predicament when he was found. By the time he was found, he already had turned blue, but through the lifesaving skill of Mr. Shorty Musgrove, he was brought back to consciousness in about 30 minutes.

GEORGIA VETERANS-

Superintendent Gerald Evans announces construction has started on family shelters. He adds that the fishing recently has been "great!"

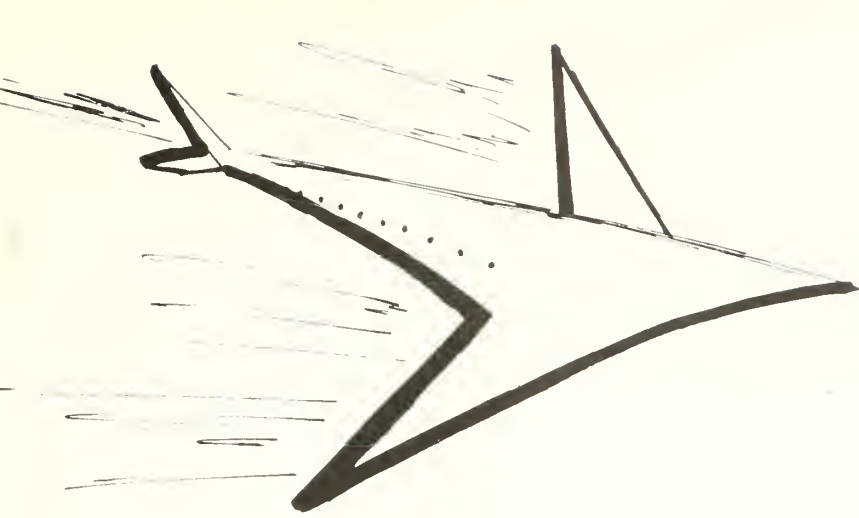
BLACK ROCK MOUNTAIN-

The State Highway Department recently began widening and treating the road to the cottages. Superintendent Jake Thompson has his own beautification project going - not to be outdone. He is getting an old picnic area back into shape. Many of the old stone fireplaces are still in working order. He also has made a small spring into a lovely, woodland fountain, and has set out several trees.

BOBBY BROWN-

This park (Mr. Carl Scott, Acting Superintendent) is now sporting an impressive pair of new park entrance signs. The project was begun sometime before Christmas.

BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR MORE PARK NEWS NEXT ISSUE (OUT LATER THIS MONTH) --Ed.



FLASH!!!

---AS MOST OF YOU KNOW...

Early each year we conduct an annual drawing for a week's free vacation for some lucky Georgian and his family at a State Park of his choice.

This year, the drawing was held early in February, based on (actually FROM them) receipts taken at all Parks the past calendar year.

The winner this drawing...of the free one-week vacation in one of our new park cottages is:

Mr. Charles R. Usher

Route 1

Cleveland, Ga.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. Usher!!!

P.S: Mr. Usher chose Vogel as his prize place-to-stay.

PARADE of PROGRESS

DID YOU KNOW? (or, "TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF PARKS FACTS...")...

As of 31 December, 1968, Parks Department facilities included:

122 Rental Cottages

40 Mobile Homes

NEARLY 1700 CAMPSITES

10 GROUP CAMPS

51 DREAM BOATS (PADDLE-TYPE, RENTAL)

163 FISHING BOATS

38 CONCESSION OUTLETS

11 SWIMMING POOLS AND 13 SWIMMING AREAS ON LAKES

24 BATHHOUSES

13 MINIATURE GOLF COURSES

SOME 60 PICNIC AREAS

6 MUSEUMS

GO GEORGIA STATE PARKS!!



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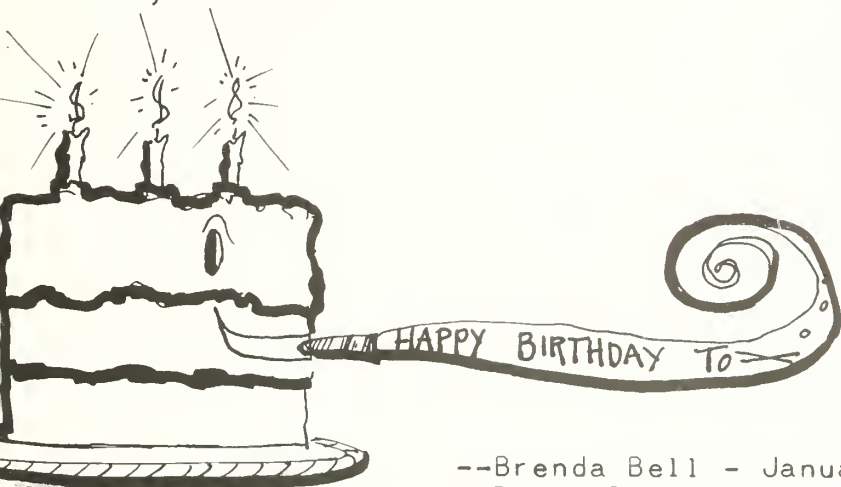
--Miss Brenda Bell, secretary to Personnel Officer John W. Wilkes.

--Mr. William L. Everett, Supt. Trainee at Elijah Clark... now Superintendent at Hamburg.

--Mr. Norris Eugene Ware, Park Ranger at Elijah Clark (presently Acting Superintendent: see PERSONNEL notes.)

--Mrs. Benita Sims (arrived April 1st), Secretary to Park Supervisors.

--Mrs. Kenneth (Martha) Knox, Secretary to Deputy Director Henry Struble.



--Brenda Bell - January 30...(Others having January birthdays were mentioned in the December issue.)
--Ralph Fain - January 5

--W.O. Moore - February 7
--Alex Brock - February 8
--Mrs. Martha Knox - February 8
--Lee Palmer - February 9
--Cammie Cameron - February 11
--Gray Fowler - February 13
--Jim Prevatte - February 23
--Lawrence Day - February 28
--Jeff Naugle - February 28
--Anita Brown - March 12
--Lunnie Austin - March 13

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: (cont'd)

--Andrea (Boots) Thornton - March 14
--Jerry Minchew - March 18
--Russell Slaton - March 18
--Jake Thompson - March 22
--Kaye Anderson - March 23

--Carole Price - April 9
--H.D. Struble - April 24
--Joel Crane - April 28

NEWS FLASH::::IN-SERVICE TRAINING MEETING SET FOR APRIL 16th: AMI-
CALOLA FALLS...

NATIONAL PUBLICITY CONTINUES

"...Besides huge Chattahoochee National Forest, in the Blue Ridge Mountains of northwest Georgia, the state maintains 43 parks, 32 of which have developed campgrounds. Seventeen of them rent trailers and cottages to visitors. There are also 100 miles of seashore and many privately owned recreational facilities. Golf courses are everywhere and the hunting and fishing are excellent. Georgia, the largest state east of the Mississippi, is not only the "Peach State;" it is the playground state as well."

---"GEORGIA-A FAMILY PLAYGROUND"
by Florence Somers
(REDBOOK MAGAZINE,
February, 1969: an excerpt)

HIGH FALLS HIGHLIGHT

FLASH! LATEST STATISTICS FROM THE DESK OF INFORMATION OFFICER MABEL WILKINS SHOW ATTENDANCE FOR HIGH FALLS STATE PARK HAS ALMOST EXACTLY DOUBLED AS OF THE END OF CALENDAR YEAR 1968, COMPARED TO CALENDAR 1967. AS A MATTER-OF-FACT, WOULD YOU BELIEVE A DIFFERENCE ... OUT OF A TOTAL OF 389,288 ... OF 80 (minus) PEOPLE?? HIGH FALLS' SHORTY LETSON CHALLENGES SOME OF YOU "SLOW COMERS" TO BEAT THAT RECORD THIS YEAR! INCIDENTALLY, WE ALSO NOTE SHORTY'S PARK IS SLATED TO GET A NUMBER OF IMPROVEMENTS, THIS YEAR. ALREADY UNDER CONSTRUCTION ARE: A VISITORS' CENTER WITH BATHHOUSE AND BEACH, COMFORT STATION AND 25 NEW CAMPSITES, AND A FAMILY/GROUP SHELTER.



& RAZZBERRIES

....TURN THE PAGE...IF YOU DARE!!

ROSES & RAZZBERRIES

RED TOP MOUNTAIN

Wyatt Clark, Superintendent; Horace Pruitt, Park Ranger

On our visit to Red Top I developed car trouble on a Saturday afternoon which could have ruined our whole vacation. Mr. Pruitt came to the rescue and we were on our way in an hour. Thank you for employing such an outstanding family as the Pruitts.

---John Lesnik
Lockport, Illinois

TUGALOO

Charles Cobb, Superintendent

The nicest Superintendent and assistants that I have ever encountered in my five years of camping. South Carolina campers love this park.

---Mr./Mrs. Frank Woodson
Ass't State Directors, NCHA
Anderson, So. Carolina

GORDONIA ALTAMAHA

Darrell Rush, Superintendent

Mr. Rush goes far beyond the requirements of his job in assisting campers in his Park. Apparently Mr. Flowers, his predecessor, must have set a very good example for him.

---Robert S. Whisnant
(address unknown)

CHEHAW

James Tabb, Superintendent

Service: excellent. The personnel were quite helpful. Park location is good. We were looking over the area for possible collection of PEROMYSCUS POLIONOTUS for research projects being conducted in the Department of Biology at the University of South Carolina. Mr. Tabb was valuable to us with his suggestions, and knowledge of the area.

---K.E. Griswold, Trapping Supr.
Dept. of Biology, U.S.C.
Columbia, So. Carolina

---MORE---

REED BINGHAM

C.C. Powell, Superintendent

Having traveled for 53 days and covered over 6,000 miles, want to say you have the cleanest, most nicely laid-out park we've stayed in. Thank you, very much.

---Mr./Mrs. Robert Burk
Ohio City, Ohio

HIGH FALLS

Shorty Letson, Superintendent

We treasure the memory: one of the nicest (parks) we have visited, from the Atlantic to the Pacific. The Superintendent was courteous, friendly and helpful, the facilities excellent and clean, the scenery beautiful. So nice to have both developed and rustic camping areas. We hope to return.

---Mrs. E.M. Johnson
Roanoke, Virginia

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On the whole, your park is very good. However, I would suggest more level, hard-surfaced pull-off spaces for gas-operated refrigerators in campers.

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Extend the entrance ramps to the trailer sites. I dropped my trailer wheels in the ditch in the dark.

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The road from recreation center to cottages could be improved. It needs to be paved: it was quite muddy and I almost slid over the side. Except for this, an excellent park.

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(The above three "Razzberries" are authentic. We hope we will be able soon to correct these deficiencies. This month,*we could find NO complaints of any employee-discourtesy, nor any negligence of upkeep by parks personnel. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!!

---Ed.)

* As of date of publication!



John W. Wilkes, Personnel Office

Mr. Carl Scott is acting Superintendent at Bobby Brown. (Mr. Monroe Andrews --sorely missed by all who knew him --died, as you remember, February 24). Mr. Jimmy Austin Bond is to be installed as Superintendent at Bobby Brown April 14th.

Mr. J.F. Fortson, Superintendent at Elijah Clark, suffered a heart attack the end of March. He was hospitalized in serious condition, but is expected to be back in action in about six months, if all goes well. Meanwhile, Mr. Eugene Ware, Park Ranger, will be acting Superintendent in Mr. Fortson's absence.

Moccasin Creek Superintendent Webb Short was hospitalized recently for pneumonia, but is now recuperating at home.

Black Rock Mountain Superintendent Jake Thompson's son (6) was recently down with pneumonia, but has recovered and is reported back in school.

(On behalf of all the Department, we would express our sympathies to the families of all on the sick list. You are much in our thoughts and we wish you a very speedy recovery. We are most grateful, also, for those who are now returned to good health, or are on the road to recovery! --Ed.)

Mrs. Sandy Smith is now a "lady of leisure" (HA!) staying home with her two children, Brad and Donna. Sandy resigned in January.

Mrs. Shirley Spence, who resigned in December, is secretary to Mr. Tom Murphy, House Floor Speaker.

(---As someone said recently:"We always hate to lose our pretty secretaries; we all MISS YOU!")

PERSONNEL (cont'd)...

RETIRED:

Mr. C.P. Flowers retired from Gordonia Alatomaha the 1st of January. Mr. Flowers had been with us since early 1960. We will miss him. We wish him much happiness in the years ahead!

Vogel Maintenance Mechanic Nathan Dyer had a severe bout with the flu the first of the year, but is long since recovered and hard at work preparing for the onrushing summer season.

Pat Clarke became a U.S. citizen, January 21st!!

Bebea Dean left for New Orleans the end of January.

...AND DON'T FORGET TO SEND IN THOSE NOTES ABOUT FAMILY, FRIENDS, VISITORS, OR WHATEVER...LET US ALL SHARE THE NEWS FROM YOUR PARK!!

P.S: IF WE DON'T HAVE THE ANNIVERSARY DATE OF YOUR MARRIAGE, LET'S HAVE IT! AND BIRTHDAY DATES, IF WE DON'T ALREADY HAVE IT, TOO. (MANY WIVES OR HUSBANDS DO NOT HAVE THESE DATES IN OUR FILE: IF IN DOUBT, SEND 'EM ON.)

--Ed.

Ten Rules for
GETTING ALONG WITH THE BOSS

Have you noticed that those books and articles on how to make good usually ignore one of the most fundamental of how-to-get-ahead principles?

Knowing how to get along with your boss has nothing to do with laughing at bad jokes (which is merely politeness) or with doing one's duty well and faithfully (which is merely expected) or with apple polishing (which is merely a mistake). Knowing how is a matter of examining the wheel he turns and the wheel you turn and seeing to it that at the point where the two come together, cogs mesh instead of clashing or slipping.

To improve your technique, here are ten rules based on surveytakers and students of management methods:

Rule 1: Respect his authority and his responsibility

Don't challenge, overtly or by implication, his right to tell you what to do or to pass judgment on what you have done. This is his job. Argue all you want before a decision is reached, but not afterward, for when you buck his authority even passively, you interfere with his ability to do his job properly. Don't forget that he is responsible up the line for what you do down the line, just as though he had done it himself.

Rule 2: Watch your timing

Learn his schedule so that you don't bust in at his busiest time or get hung up on the discovery that the morning you planned to catch him in a free moment is the morning he is regularly in conference.

Rule 3: Allow for the fact that he's only human

It is unreasonable to expect the boss to be a perfect being and complain because he is not. Yet many people do just that. He makes mistakes, too. He will sometimes forget to say please and thank you just as everyone else forgets sometimes.

Rule 4: Know his "delegation level"

Almost every boss has specific ideas about what he wants to be consulted on and what he does not want to be bothered with. Some things he wants to do, some things he wants you to do after checking with him, some things he wants you to do on your own. Learn his pattern and follow it. Don't be misled by what books and articles may say on this point; they tell what your boss ought to delegate and not delegate, but what you must go by is what your boss does delegate and not delegate.

Rule 5: Be businesslike

Don't let emotions - fear, nervousness, hero worship - color your relationship with the boss. Let him set the pace, set the tone of formality or informality in your dealings.

Rule 6: Remember that he deals with a bigger picture than you do

You are in close touch with one aspect of the Agency's work; he is in close touch with many. You are responsible for one segment of the work; he is responsible for a bigger segment. He reports to men who have a still broader familiarity and a still larger responsibility; he may, in fact, be working under several people instead of only one, as you are. Be aware of the many factors he must consider in reaching a decision or making an assignment or passing judgment.

Rule 7: Find out how he likes to be contacted

Some bosses like you to drop in casually any time. Some don't mind if you do. Others definitely do not. Some want you to call first. Some like you to transact your business by phone. Some want you to make appointments. Some like to assign set times for various people to see them. Some like you to save all your errands and handle them all in one long visit. Some like to see one visitor at a time; others like their company in batches. Some like things submitted in writing; others don't.

Rule 8: Keep him informed

Many bosses would put this at the top of the list with a red circle around it. Nothing trips a boss up with such a resounding thump as a lack of the information he needs to make plans and decisions and reports. Nothing except, perhaps, a plentiful supply of misinformation. So see to it that he gets the dope, gets it in full and on time, and gets it straight.

Rule 9: Don't concentrate too heavily on pleasing the boss

You may find yourself pleasing him at the expense of your colleagues. If you were a cold-eyed, brilliant young man destined for a meteoric rise in the world of industry and finance, maybe you would get away with it. Otherwise you are probably heading for trouble. To get along with your boss, it is usually necessary to get along with a lot of other people, too.

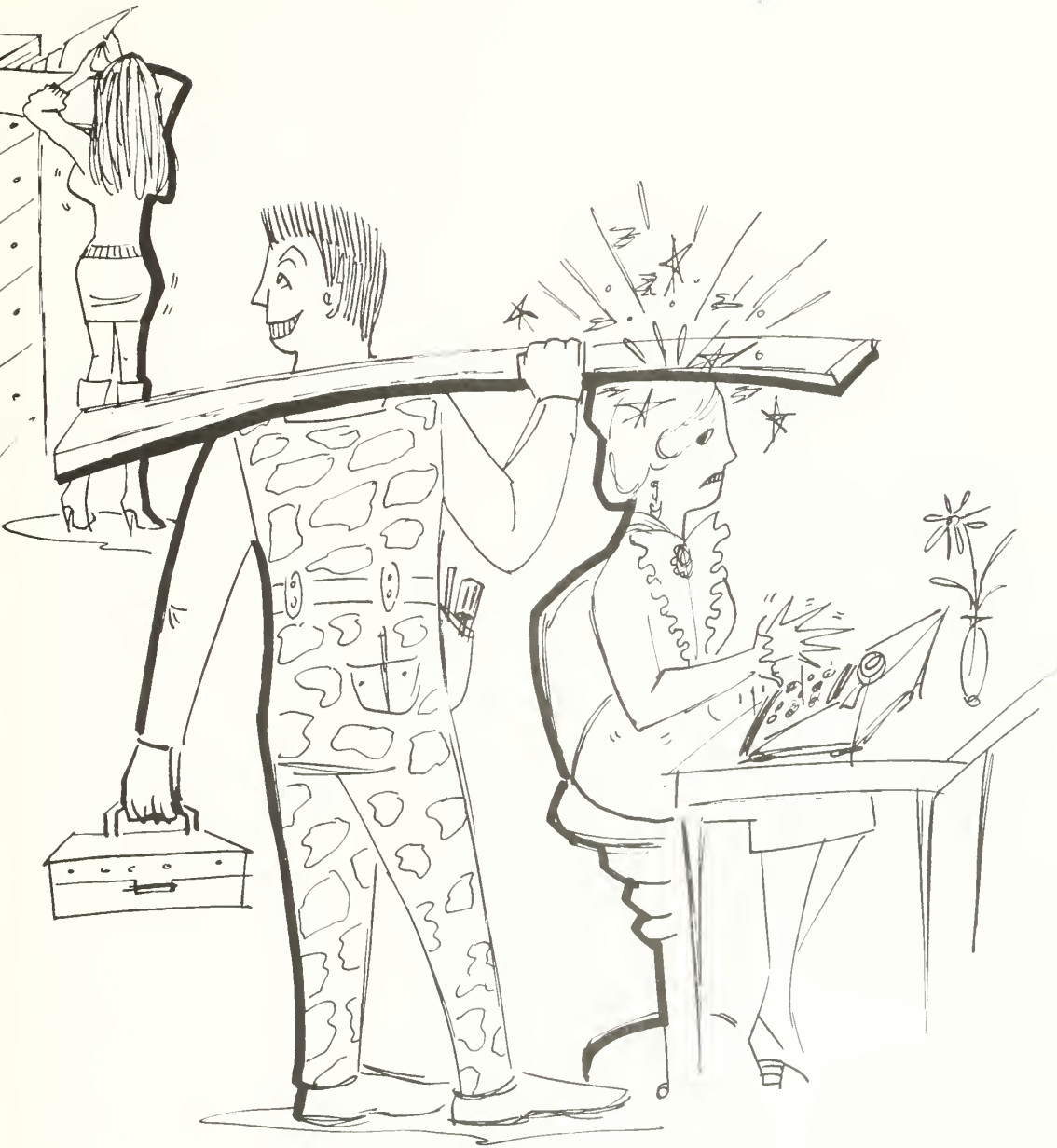
Rule 10: Treat him like an individual

This last rule is really a summary. Beware of thinking of your boss as an institution rather than as an individual person. Beware of trying to understand him in terms of what the book says an executive is or does or thinks - or worse, should be or should do or should think. Beware of treating him like some kind of expensive and slightly awesome machine, which grinds away just above your head in a fixed, predictable pattern. Bosses aren't all alike any more than non-bosses are all alike. It is fine to bone up on executive technique and management problems and methods. But never forget that you must interpret and apply the theory in individual terms.

Rule 10 (Continued)

Basically, of course, the best way to please your boss is to do your job well. As you succeed, so he succeeds. You will get more satisfaction from your work. The better you get along with the boss, the better you will like your job; and the more you enjoy your job, the sunnier a place the world is. For another thing, your ability to help the boss do his job better is precisely the kind of surplus talent that can lead him to earmark you for bigger things, and soon other people may be worrying about how to handle you.

SAFETY NOTES



"...READ ON, MacDUFF...!" ---->

SAFETY NOTES (cont'd)

---Accident Control Program:

We are gratified to report that as of the final quarter 1968, no severity rates, and only 5 medical reports. A total of over 238,000 miles was driven. (We hope to have latest figures for this year in next issue. -Ed.)

---DID YOU KNOW??...

A study of Washington, D.C. drivers shows that in 1967 eight out of every hundred drivers, aged 16 to 19, were involved in crashes in which they were at fault. By contrast, only five out of a hundred in the 45-to-54 age-bracket were in violation. The best rate, three out of a hundred, was in the 65-and-older category. (Maybe the "Older Generation" isn't to blame for ALL the bad news, after all...as some would have us believe! -Ed.)

---WORDS TO THE WISE:

If you are in the habit of burning trash in a properly constructed wire mesh in_cinerator, watch your step! Discarding bottles with liquid in them or supposedly-empty aerosol cans in such a fire can bring tragedy if one explodes from the heat and sprays fragments of glass or razor-sharp bits of metal through the holes in the wire mesh. Another unsafe act is to throw radio or flashlight batteries into such a fire. They may explode...with tremendous force!

---TIMELY TIPS DIVISION...

Those who believe that unless the hazardous condition directly affects them, is none of their concern...are numerous. They are the ones who never report a bad spot in the floor... just walk around it; they never report a stack that is likely to fall, simply avoid it. They never report a motor that's running hot: that's the mechanic's responsibility.

Those who refuse to admit that an unsafe act is being committed until they learn the hard way become victims of similar events through their own stupidity. For example, someone knows of a fellow-employee who received a fractured kneecap when he fell while trying to jump over a packing case. Rather than admit the fellow committed an unsafe act, our friend considers him a clumsy lout who doesn't know how to handle himself. After all, such accidents will never happen if a man knows what he is doing. (Or so the argument goes.)

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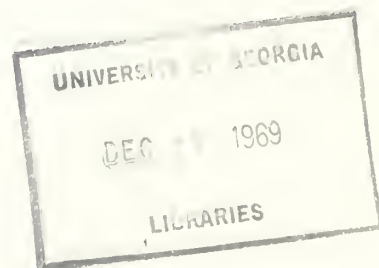


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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

This month's missive features several changes from previous editions. It has a new name, a slightly new format, and a very new editor.

This edition is certainly not a solo effort by your new editor. Most of its contents were conveniently left behind by a sailor named Dick Gray. (Who is this Victor Graymount character I keep hearing about?)

We hope these monthly efforts will continue to inform and entertain you. This news bulletin can not succeed without your support. We are desperately looking for news of you, of your division, and of your park. Please don't keep us in the dark about your activities!

We look forward to a long and rewarding association with the State Parks Department!

FROM THE PARKS

Governor Lester Maddox has officially opened the Parks Department's first recreation and meditation center, located at Moccasin Creek State Park.

In ceremonies on Sunday, May 25, Maddox called upon Americans to, "...go back to the meeting houses much like this one we dedicate here today and counsel with one another, pray with one another, and learn again what strength, what purpose, what direction we enjoy as a nation stems directly from our obedience to the will of God."

Preceding Maddox on the speakers platform was State Parks Director John L. Gordon, who called the center a place where one might easily find refreshment for both body and soul.

The open-sided structure stands on the shores of Lake Burton. It seats 200 persons on wooden benches. The benches may be removed and stored, revealing a concrete recreation area.

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The Georgia State Association of the National Campers and Hikers Association (NCHA) pitched its Spring Campout at Little Ocmulgee State Park over the weekend of May 2, 3, and 4.

Nearly 450 families converged on the area, made camp, and proceeded to enjoy themselves. Weekend festivities included a beauty contest for teenage girls, a parade, and a dance for both the youngsters and their parents.

On Sunday, May 4th, a chapel, located on park grounds and constructed by three Georgia chapters of NCHA was dedicated. Dedication ceremonies included the planting of trees and shrubs by some of the teenagers.

Also on the Spring Campout agenda was the election of a presidential family for the coming year. The campers chose Mr. and Mrs. Fred Germann, of Macon.

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FROM THE PARKS (continued)

MISTLETOE STATE PARK

I read your last newsletter and really enjoyed it. At Mistletoe this month things are beginning to shape up after month of clearing and digging. It's finally looking like a park. The contractors are building the comfort stations first, along with the Bathhouse and rest stations. I have built two outdoor toilets to go in the day use area, and wood sheds that will be used in the camping area.

It's good to hear about High Falls because I'm from that area, but I would like to challenge Shorty's attendance record. From the look of things Mistletoe will surprise a lot of people when the facilities are ready. One more thing...for you people who think I fish all the time...please come help me fish!

Roger Bennett

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Bids for construction of recreational facilities and a travel trailer area at Red Top Mountain will be considered on Tuesday, June 17th at 2:30 p. m. in the conference room, General Office.

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BLACKBURN STATE PARK Allison Deal

The Georgia Conservancy, Inc. Club visited Blackburn State Park on their Dahlonega Field Trip May 24th to picnic, hike the trails, and to pan for gold. Park personnel report that the club members seemed to have enjoyed themselves.

The Georgia Canoeing Association met at Blackburn State Park May 24th and 25th for a Class II white-water trip on the Etowah River and talk on the Cherokee Indians of North Georgia by Dr. Henry T. Malone, of Georgia State College. A song fest was held in the Camp Ground after the talk which took place in the Blackburn State Park Museum.

The new comfort station in the park campground is scheduled for completion the first week in June.

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PERSONNEL NOTES

Elijah Clark's Superintendent J. F. Fortson was recently in the hospital with a heart ailment.

(Sincere wishes for a speedy recovery to any of our Parks family who may be ill!)

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Mrs. Ruth W. Massey, mother of Tom Massey, in the planning division, passed away March 20.

Lou Adams' mother, Mrs. Ida Kline, passed away May 2. Services were at Ward's Funeral Home, Decatur.

Mr. Glen Crump, Sr., father of Grace Parker, passed away April 15.

(Our deepest sympathy^h to these families)

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Jeff Naugle and the Mrs. have announced the marriage of their daughter, Helen Elizabeth, to LT (USAF) Lynn Lamar Deibler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Adam Deibler of Millersburg, Pennsylvania. The wedding was solemnized May 10 at the Audubon Forest United Methodist Church, in Atlanta. We share the joy of the family and friends at the happy event, and wish the Best in the years to come, to the bride and groom.

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Bob McCraw and wife Fifi were able to break away from chores at Laura S. Walker long enough to drop by the General Office the other day. Good to see them! Y'all come...whenever you can!

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A thoughtless...purely unintentional...oversight, last month: We neglected to send up three cheers for our new chief accountant, whom many of you have now met, Mr. E. G. (Guy) Dasher. A belated, but sincere welcome aboard!

PERSONNEL NOTES (continued)

James L. Maher of Atlanta Has joined the accounting department's land and water division. Jim. his wife Frances, and their three children (two boys and a girl) live at 770 Spalding Drive, N. E.

Jimmy A. Bond became Bobby Brown State Park's new Superintendent in mid-April. Jimmy, his wife, Joyce, and their two children live in Elberton.

Joy Thomas has been employed by our accounting department since the 5th of May. Joy, her husband, Ronnie, and their two-year old daughter, Tammy, make their home in Forrest Park.

John Sloan, late of the U. S. Army, has joined the information and public relation division. John is a native of Red Oak, Georgia, and a graduate of Georgia State College.

Judy Griffith, secretary to Jim Prevatte, land and water division, will be leaving us on the sixth of June to become a full-time homemaker and mother.

Sandra Pinkerton has come to the fold to take Judy's place. Sandra, who lives in Sandy Springs, was formerly with the Education Department. She attended Georgia College in Milledgeville.

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Lillian Johnson left our payroll section on May 15th for a job with the State Audit Department.

Dick Gray has weighed anchor for 90 days Navy duty, after which he will join the Audio-Visual Division of the University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee.

Ralph Pain has moved up the street to the Georgia Labor Department.

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PERSONNEL NOTES (continued)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Race Parker.....	May 2	Herb Moyer.....	June 13
William Naglich.....	May 5	Mary Murray.....	June 13
George Robinson.....	May 8	Tom Winkler.....	June 19
Ara Armstrong.....	May 11	Lindsey Partain.....	June 23
Ellison Deal.....	May 11	Charles Cobb.....	June 26
Wyatt Clark.....	May 18	Bob McCraw.....	June 27
Graham Morris.....	May 19	J. W. Wilkes.....	June 29
Lloyd Hill.....	May 22		
James L. Maher.....	May 25		
Emmett Johnson.....	May 28		
Eugene Bell.....	May 29		

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A SPECIAL SALUTE TO OUR MEN IN SERVICE

Johnny, son of our Personnel Officer, John W. Wilkes, is home safe and sound after one year's Army service in Viet Nam, as a helicopter pilot.

During his term of duty he accumulated 3,000 flying hours, over 1,000 of which were in combat.

On February 24, 1969, he was shot down by the enemy with the loss of two of his crew members and his helicopter which was fully loaded with ammunition.

Honors received during his tour of duty consist of:

- (1) Distinguished Flying Cross
- (2) Soldier's Medal
- (3) Bronze Star
- (4) Purple Heart
- (5) Air Medal (20 Oak-Leaf Cluster)

Congratulations, Johnny, and we share in your father's happiness that you are home.

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Walter Prevatte, son of Jim Prevatte of the Land and Water Division, has returned from a year in Viet Nam with the Army.

With Walter's homecoming, the Prevatte family is 4/5 complete. Larry, the youngest son is now serving a tour in Viet Nam.

Prior to Walter's service, he was majoring in Engineering at Auburn. Now that he is home, he plans to complete his education.

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ROSES AND RAZZBERRIES

HIGH FALLS STATE PARK

Shorty Letson

We stopped for over night and stayed five days.

...Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Fowler
Euclid, Ohio

I hope Canadians will give you as warm a welcome as we have received here. This is our first visit to the state of Georgia and this is our first campsite. There are no improvements required.

...R. J. Press
Belleville, Ontario

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

B. E. Marx

Your people made us feel like long, lost relatives.
Thank you!

...The Mahoneys
Boston, Mass.

CLOUDLAND CANYON

Lee Palmer

This park is the nicest park on the Eastern seaboard as far as we are concerned.

...Chester Perkins
Durnam, N. C.

REED BINGHAM

C. C. Powell

I have only the highest praise and deepest gratitude for all the park personnel involved. We arrived after dark, in a blinding rainstorm. Everything possible was done to keep us warm and comfortable.

...Albert Einhorn
New London, Conn.

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Please give better signs to the office.

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A label on some of your trees with name and origin, please!

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ROSES AND RAZZBERRIES

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Very nice camp except for dogs loose and barking.

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Get rid of the Fire Ants in the camping area.

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Dump stations needed!

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EDITOR'S NOTES

It's been said before...

The very best way to keep your NEWS going...and, newsy...
is to keep news COMING!

The IN basket was almost OUT of circulation, this past
month. 'Nuff said.

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Some of the nice things that got back to Ye Old Ed. on his
efforts at the most recent NEWSLETTER really gladdened the heart.
Most appreciated!

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EDITOR'S NOTES (continued)

With the beautiful weather...for the most part...we've been having lately, we know the drives (or steady trickles) of visitors may soon become "mobs". Once again, the time of "greatest testing" is upon us. May we all remind ourselves we are proud to be Georgians...serving Georgians...and the Nation...with BETTER OUTDOOR RECREATION!

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Note in pay-check envelope: "Your raise will become effective when you do."

DIET: For people who are thick and tired of it.

TYPICAL SATURDAY: Men looking like they were being led to the shopping block.

--Selected.

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STATE PARKS' INCOME; ATTENDANCE HIT ALL-TIME HIGHS

Georgia Department of State Parks Director John L. Gordon announced this month that both monies received and State Parks attendance records for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1969, have broken all previous records.

Figures below illustrate what the Director called "phenomenal increases":

	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>	
Receipts	\$878,428.00	\$1,092,466.00	up 24%
Attendance	6,777,336	7,455,340	up 10%

Commenting on the parks' gross receipts for the 1968-69 year, Mr. Gordon said, "This is the first time in the history of the Georgia Department of State Parks that receipts have exceeded the one million dollar mark."

The 10 per cent increase in State Parks attendance indicates an ever-growing need for more outdoor recreation facilities throughout Georgia. Completely aware of this need, the Department of State Parks continues to acquire more lands for park development and expansion in an effort to remain a step ahead of progress.

Five new State Parks are scheduled to open in 1969 while the expansion of a number of existing parks is currently underway. Georgia's newest State Parks include Hart State Park near Hartwell, Milledge State Park in Columbia County, Hamburg State Park in Washington County, Richmond Hill State Park in Bryan County, and Watson Mill Bridge State Park in Oglethorpe County.

Reputation of Georgia Parks Spreads Far and Wide

Out-of-state visitors who have attended Georgia's State Parks include residents from all 50 States and a number of foreign countries, according to correspondence received by the Parks Department's Information and Public Relations Division.

STATE PARKS RECOMMENDED IN "STAY AND SEE GEORGIA WEEK"

Selling both Georgians and out-of-staters on the wide variety of things to do and places to see in the "Peach State", "Stay and See Georgia Week" is now being celebrated at Lenox Square in Atlanta, continuing through August 2. The seven-day event is part of the well-known shopping center's 10th Anniversary Celebration.

Among the 30 exhibits featuring Georgia communities and attractions is a large back-lighted display highlighting our 44 State Parks. The display includes a large map on which the locations of the parks are marked by scenic transparencies of each. Additional information on the specific State Parks has been made available in brochure form for prospective visitors who view the exhibit.

MUSEUM TO OPEN AT STEPHEN FOSTER

Construction of a new museum annex has recently been completed at Stephen C. Foster State Park in the heart of the Okefenokee Swamp. Attached to the park's visitor center, the new museum will house exhibits on the Okefenokee's native plant, animal, and bird life.

The facility will feature approximately nine wall cases and as many as 50 back-lighted transparencies geared to acquaint visitors with the unique flora and fauna they can expect to see in the park. The museum space can also double as a lecture and audiovisual room, and is currently serving this purpose while construction on the displays continues.

Mr. Ed Yow, Public Use Specialist with the Department of the Interior, is assisting in the design and construction of the new museum. Mr. Yow has previously assisted in the development of another similar nature museum on the eastern side of the Okefenokee. He is currently stationed at Camp Cornelia near Folkston.

ANDREWS MEMORIAL ERECTED AT BOBBY BROWN

Bobby Brown State Park superintendent, Jimmy A. Bond, reports that a monument dedicated to the memory of his predecessor, the late Monroe B. Andrews, has been erected in Bobby Brown State Park. The inscription on the monument appropriately reads, "A Friend to All".

Jimmy also relates that campers are "very pleased" with a recently completed comfort station now open to visitors in the old camping area of the park.

PARKS OFFICIALS ATTEND NATIONAL CAMPERS AND HIKERS CONVENTION

Three Parks Department officials were among those Georgians who attended the three-day National Campers and Hikers Association Convention held in Eutawville, South Carolina this month. Approximately 150 Georgia families participated in the colossal campout which drew more than 25,000 persons from all over the Nation and Canada, July 14-17.

In a brief welcoming address to the Georgia campers, State Parks Director John L. Gordon spoke on the development of camping and hiking in Georgia and on the role played by the State Parks in furthering the growing interest in outdoor recreation.

In addition to the Director, those who represented the Georgia Parks Department included recreation supervisor, Miss Robin Jackson, and district supervisor-trainee, Bill Fanning.

Another Superintendent Commended by State Park Visitor

Since the Department of State Parks was founded many years ago, a number of State Park superintendents have been commended by visitors for "service beyond the call of duty".

The most recent commendation goes to Derrell Rush, superintendent of Gordonia Alatomaha State Park. Mrs. F. P. Wood of Miami, Florida, told State Park officials that while her husband was being rushed to a Claxton hospital for stitches due to injuries sustained while camping at Gordonia Alatomaha, her 13-year-old son stayed at the park's camping area. "The superintendent," she pointed out, "not only checked on the boy in our absence, but he waited for us at the gates that evening to make sure we would not be locked out after 10 p.m."

"This was our second trip to this park," Mrs. Wood continued, "and we think all of your state parks are just great! Your superintendent treated us real special in an extraordinary incident."

News of Little Ocmulgee

Little Ocmulgee State Park superintendent, Julian Price, reports that recently completed park facilities are popular with visitors. The new facilities include a swimming pool and double tennis courts.

Mr. Price adds that the lake has been treated with anti-weed chemicals and is now in real good shape for fishing and skiing.

Looking toward the future, Mr. Price looks forward to seeing a miniature golf course added to existing facilities at Little Ocmulgee.

RECREATION PROGRAMS POPULAR AT VOGEL AND BLACK ROCK

Letters and postcards received by the Department of State Parks continue to praise the variety of the recreational programs available at Vogel and Black Rock Mountain State Parks.

Among these summer events at the parks, Marie Mellinger's tours, lectures, and films on nature topics remain at the top of the popularity list with park visitors. Mrs. Mellinger delights adults and children alike with her remarkable knowledge of plants and animals as well as with her contagious love for the outdoors.

Country music in the forms of clogging, dancing, singing, and just listening also appeals to people of all ages at Vogel and Black Rock. Scheduled each Friday evening, such musical recreation comes as a complete surprise to many overnight and weekly park visitors who expect only to be serenaded by the local crickets, owls, and frogs.

In an effort to make park visitors increasingly aware of the importance of conservation of both our natural resources and our recreational facilities, the Department of State Parks has provided a series of films on outdoor topics. These provide a welcome change-of-pace to other evening activities once each week at both Vogel and Black Rock.

THREE STATE PARKS HOST PEDDLE-PUSHING YOUTH

An ambitious 15-year-old bicyclist recently reached his destination in Florida after peddling more than a thousand miles through six states.

David Keeney, a fifteen-year-old member of the Marion, Indiana "Y" Wheelmen disembarked on his marathon journey early in June and arrive at his grandmother's home in Clearwater, Florida, June 28th. While traveling through Georgia as an "official guest" of the State, he made stops at Red Top Mountain, Stone Mountain Memorial, and Magnolia Springs State Parks. The ambitious youth traveled approximately 100 miles each day before arriving in Clearwater.

On arrival at Stone Mountain, "Dave" was greeted by State Parks Director John L. Gordon, and Parks Recreation supervisor, Miss Robin Jackson. Through letters to Dave, Miss Jackson assisted in routing the young lad through Georgia and the three State Parks on his itinerary.

From a letter of "thanks" to Miss Jackson from Dave's mother in Marion, the State Parks Department has learned that Dave's trip was "almost perfect". Mrs. Keeney reported that her son's only difficulty was one flat tire. She added, "I am sure he will always have a warm spot in his heart for Georgia."

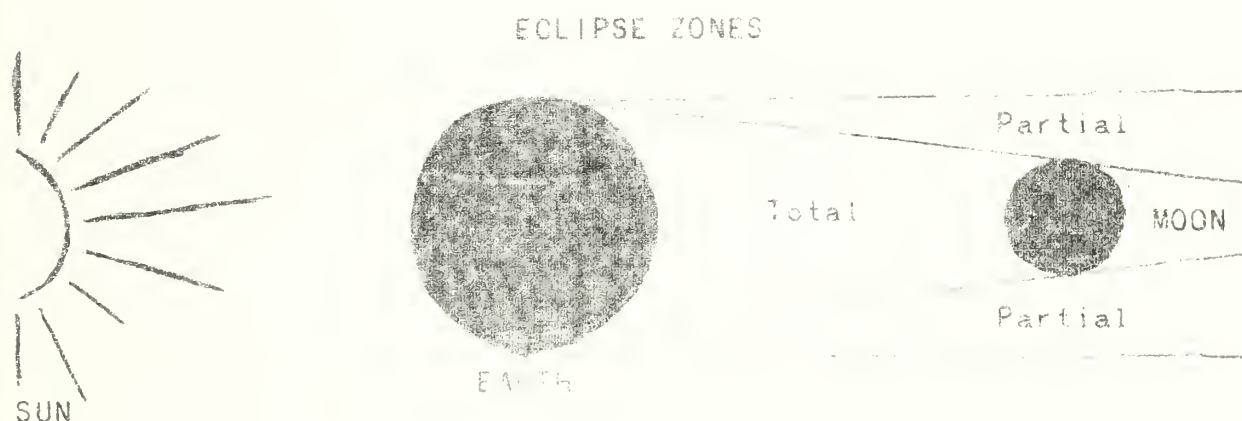
RARE TREATS IN STORE FOR SKY-WATCHERS

Two meteor showers and a partial eclipse of the moon may be seen most clearly from Georgia's State Parks in late July and the month of August. These astronomical phenomena should prove particularly interesting to park campers and overnighers who turn their eyes skyward late this summer.

Although the first of the three heavenly shows will undoubtedly be hampered by the full moon on July 29th, approximately 20 meteors will enter the earth's atmosphere each hour on that evening. Those who can locate the constellation of Aquarius should have less trouble spotting them as they will appear to be coming from that direction.

A second, and far more spectacular, meteor shower will occur on the night of August 12th. As many as 50 meteors per hour may be seen quite well that evening, thanks to the new moon a day later. Called the "Perseid meteor shower", the so-called "shooting stars" in this display will seem to originate from the constellation of Perseus.

Least dramatic of the three phenomena, a partial lunar eclipse at 6:48 A. M. on August 27th will be much dimmer than would a total eclipse. According to the Astronomy Department of the Fernbank Science Center in Atlanta, this will be a "penumbral eclipse" during which the moon passes only through the lighter fringe area of the earth's shadow.



WEATHER OUTLOOK

Mid- to Late Summer

Long-range weather forecasters predict above normal temperatures and below normal rainfall for Georgia and the Southeast for the months of July and August.

COLLEGE WORKSHOPS ACCENT IMPORTANCE OF CONSERVATION

Fifty-six graduate students at two Georgia colleges now know what conservation in the "Peach State" is all about. Under the sponsorship of several state agencies, these students attended three-week workshops this month to gain insight on the value of our natural resources, the roles the State Parks and other agencies play in their conservation, and what they, as citizens, must do to contribute to their preservation.

Eighteen of the students attended the workshop at Valdosta State College under the leadership and instruction of Dr. Clyde Conell. Thirty-eight others attended a Shorter College workshop at which Dr. Phillip Greer presided.

A highlight of each workshop was a day's visit to one of two Georgia State Parks, some attending Fort Mountain and others Stephen C. Foster. There the students could see for themselves the value of fulfilling the State's recreational needs and of preserving a natural heritage for future generations.

NEW LIFEGUARD MANUAL MAY SAVE LIVES

Just released to State Parks lifeguards, a new handbook prepared by Robin Jackson should prove to be a very valuable manual for those who insure waterfront safety in our parks.

Emphasizing the old saying, "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," this State Parks publication suggests a special pre-emergency plan of action. Appropriately called a "crash plan", in essence it recommends thinking ahead of situations where thoughtlessness often kills and seconds are always golden.

Details on "the lifeguard's job" as well as on standardized rules and regulations, equipment, and emergency procedures are also mentioned in the informative manual. The Parks Department hopes that this information together with pertinent facts on the history and development of Georgia's State Parks will not only help lifeguards to adapt to their expected roles as state employees, but that it will especially increase waterfront safety for park visitors.

NAME THAT TREE

Letters and postcards from visitors to Georgia's 44 State Parks continue to ask for labels on trees, plants, and flowers.

We hope to increase the number of our marked nature trails and to add labels to plants and trees growing in our parks. In the meantime (superintendents!), it certainly wouldn't do any harm to "bone-up" on your botany.

Commenting on one of our park naturalist's familiarity with the local flora, a visitor to Black Rock Mountain State Park said, "Our guided tour of Black Rock Mountain was a wonderful experience. Marie Mellinger's knowledge of the plant life there is remarkable! My Swedish guests were tremendously impressed."

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Parks Department Celebrates Double-Header

Two veteran employees with the Department of State Parks were honored Tuesday, July 22, at a party given in their honor in the Planning Office.

Sara Armstrong was presented with a 20-year certificate and pin by State Parks Director John L. Gordon, and Col. Burke was given a farewell citation and a pair of cuff-links by Deputy Director Hank Struble.

Sara joined the State Parks Department in March of 1949 and is now an accounting assistant in the Parks Department's Accounting Division.

Col. Burke retired from his position with the Construction Division this month and is now looking forward to a life of sunshine and leisure in Naples, Florida.

John Sloan, former editor of the State Parks News, has resigned from his position with the State Parks Department and is now with the News Department of WQXI-TV in Atlanta.

Ernest Jessee, the new editor of the State Parks monthly publication, was formerly with the New Era Publishing Company in Decatur. Ernest is a native of Lynchburg, Virginia, and a graduate of Oglethorpe University.

"Birthday Greetings"

Roger Bennett	Mistletoe	August 1
Lester Everett	Hamburg	August 2
Homer Lingerfelt	Georgia Veterans	August 8
Norris Ware	Elijah Clark	August 11
Harold Hunter	Hard Labor	August 22
Louis Taylor	Indian Springs	August 22

Anita Brown, former secretary to Tom Massey, became the mother of a baby girl, Saturday, July 12. Anita was honored with a surprise baby shower in the Parks Department Conference Room just prior to the "blessed event."

Ray Keasey, State Parks District 1 Supervisor, returned to work, July 7, after a week's convalescence at home. Ray suffered a knee injury in a parking lot fall.

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STATE PARKS FISHERMEN GAIN MORE THAN FISH

There is a common and accepted fiction that fishermen visit Georgia's State Parks to fish. Some do, of course; but more don't. The fish caught are only a lesser part of the catch. The greater part is the day in the open, the little things that feed the eyes, the ears, and the soul, though we are so perverse and so practical that we seldom talk about them.

How many of us would get up to see a late summer dawn without the excuse that fish bite better then? Yet it's really the dawn world that a man goes out to see, a sunrise full of the golden green of trees spangled with mature leaves, full of bird song, full of mist from the lake or river, full of the strange thin echoes of man's world just coming awake. It's the sudden flight of a duck, startled into whirring wings and beaten water and gleaming light on swift ripples. It's the sight of wild flowers bowing their heads under the weight of dew, and the red and gold and blue-silver leaf of wild columbine. It's the smell of smoke from a farmhouse chimney, and the taste of vacuum coffee on a sunlit bank or sand bar.

It's the fishing, yes. The way a fly follows a rifle, the way a plug plops, the way a wormed hook goes down into a deep pool. The strike, the rush, the play of line, the sound of reel, the catch, or the lost fish. But it's also the gleam of a dragonfly, the rattling cry of a kingfisher, the stark awkwardness verging on grace and beauty of a heron. It's the slow climb of the sun, the slow travel of the shadows, the drift of a cloud.

Fish? Oh, yes, one must have a reason and the day must have a purpose. But it's the fishing, really, the dawn and the morning and the day, and man's knowing that it's still there, still real.

...Based on Selected Editorial
from the New York Times

STATE PARKS VISITS MAY HELP PREVENT HEART DISEASE

In a recent interview with a member of the Georgia State Parks Public Relations Division, Dr. Joseph Wilbur, Director of the State Health Department's Cardiovascular Disease Control Center, pointed out a definite relationship between outdoor recreation and the prevention of heart disease. The Health Department lists heart disease as the number one killer of Georgians each year.

Dr. Wilbur explained that lack of exercise and outdoor recreation is one of the five major factors believed to contribute to heart attacks and strokes, "factors which can be so easily eliminated," he added. "We don't know why, exactly," he continued, "but we think regular exercise and relief from daily tensions helps to strengthen the heart muscles." The heart specialist further explained that outdoor recreation helps to ward off common tensions known to contribute to the development of ulcers, nervousness, sleeplessness, and other ailments.

Asked to evaluate the relationship between outdoor recreation in Georgia's State Parks and the control of heart disease, Dr. Wilbur suggested that time spent in the parks might be time added on to one's life span, for a visit to any one of these parks is an encounter with Nature's own physical therapy ... fresh air, exercise, rest, and, in general, a completely recreating spirit unique to the great outdoors.

ATLANTA FAMILY CAMPERS RE-SCHEDULE CAMPOUTS

The Metropolitan Atlanta Family Campers recently announced two changes in campouts planned for a North Carolina wildlife preserve and Franklin D. Roosevelt State Park in Georgia.

The Roosevelt State Park campout originally set for August 8 has been changed to August 22, 23, and 24. The North Carolina campout slated for Jack Rabbit Park near Hiwassee, Ga., was switched to the earlier date so that the campers could attend the Hiwassee Fair, in progress at that time.

Other campouts set for Georgia State Parks will include a Sept. 12-14 outing at Hard Labor Creek and another, Sept. 26-28 at Fort Yargo.

According to Sara and Sid Armstrong, campsite chairmen, the Hard Labor campout will be the organization's most important campout of the year. This event will feature the nomination of officers for the coming year; elections will follow in October.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

MAY FILM IN OKEFENOKEE

While investigating the rumor that the National Geographic Society plans to film part of a television special entitled "Wild Rivers" in Stephen Foster State Park this fall, the GEORGIA STATE PARKS NEWS has learned that Geographic will not shoot scenes in Georgia.

According to Mr. Ed Spiegle, film producer for National Geographic, original plans called for part of the hour-long special to be filmed at the headwaters of the Suwanee River, including the Okefenokee Swamp. However, Mr. Spiegle explained, "We had so many rivers to choose from that we decided to use only one western river and the Hudson in New York for contrast".

A spokesman for the producer later revealed that, unofficially, the organization would very much like to eventually film a complete program on the Okefenokee alone, plans that would most likely include scenes from Stephen Foster State Park.

CROOKED RIVER; MOCCASIN CREEK

STATE PARKS OFFER FISHING VARIETY

Fisherman staying at Crooked River State Park in late August and early September are likely to hit the peak season for saltwater fishing there, while those visiting Moccasin Creek on the shores of Lake Burton can take advantage of both excellent lake or mountain trout fishing during the same period.

At Crooked River, a State Park pier extending into the brackish water of the St. Mary's River is a good place to start. Using small fiddler crabs or shrimp, an angler can expect to get a good catch of big drum, croakers, and sheephead.

By boat, a fisherman can usually locate a shell bed or oyster bar in the St. Mary's. With live shrimp, he may easily glide into some fine fishing for speckled trout or channel bass. More adventuresome souls can follow the river to the ocean, where they might find schools of mackerel.

Reserved for persons over 65 or under 16 years of age, trout fishing from Moccasin Creek is excellent. The creek not only borders Moccasin Creek State Park but also separates it from the State Game and Fish Commission's Lake Burton Trout Hatchery, a visit to which will make an interesting and educational excursion.

Lake Burton, itself, offers the State's finest walleye fishing as well as the prospect of a good catch of bass, trout, and panfish. Just above the lake is Tallullah River, one of Georgia's most popular "open" trout streams. Nearby, other good trout waters include Dicks Creek, Wildcat Creek, Coleman River, and Swallow Creek.

NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH CORPS HONORED AT BLACKBURN

In appreciation for their help in developing Blackburn State Park in Lumpkin County, a party was given at Blackburn in honor of four Neighborhood Youth Corps employees, July 30.

While at Blackburn, the group toured the park, learned facts about the history of the area, watched a gold panning demonstration, and enjoyed a picnic at one of the park's picnic areas. They also hiked the trails and saw for themselves how the park had developed with the aid of NYC workers.

Those honored at the occasion include Mark Abercrombie, Johnny Abercrombie, Johnny Dale, and Louise Townley. Others present included NYC staff personnel, Park Superintendent Allison Deal, and Assistant Park Superintendent Major Reeves.

Wild Flower Expert Welcomes Questions From Park Visitors

Mrs. Louise H. Gilbert, a nature lover and wild flower expert from Tucker, Georgia, knows more about plant life in our State Parks than the local bees. Often invited to speak on the subject, she owns numerous volumes of wild flower books, many color slides, and a back-yard botanical garden assembled from planted seed she collected all over the Southeast.

Mrs. Gilbert wants everyone to share her enthusiasm for wild flowers, particularly those who visit our blossoming State Parks. She welcomes questions from State Parks visitors who share her interests.

Her address: 3759 Midvale Road, Tucker, Georgia 30084.

THE ENGLISH AGREE "IT'S LOVELY" IN GEORGIA'S STATE PARKS

Among the growing number of international travelers to visit Georgia's 44 State Parks, a number of English families agree, "It's simply lovely" there. Despite their reputation for "the British understatement", the English unhesitatingly praise Georgia's State Parks for their tranquility, cleanliness, and beauty, qualities they find are not unique to the English countryside.

In recent interviews with several British families, a former resident of northern England, now living in Atlanta, told a member of the Parks Department staff that she particularly liked Georgia's family approach to outdoor recreation in the State Parks. "It's so nice," said Mrs. Robert Faris, "to visit a park that is not only beautiful but that offers something for every member of the family, as well." Mrs. Faris whose family of four enjoys regular visits to a number of our State Parks, further commended the State Parks for their "attractive and well-planned" campsites. "We like privacy in a camping area, and have little difficulty in finding a perfect secluded spot in your parks," she explained.

SPOTLIGHT ON INDIAN SPRINGS

A convenient 50 miles south of Atlanta, Georgia's oldest State Park has attracted health-seekers, campers, picnickers and hikers for more than one and a half centuries. Today the widely known health resort offers as much variety to its visitors as any other state park in the Nation.

The original park was a 10-acre tract of land acquired in 1825 by treaty from the Creek Indians. Indian Springs, as it was appropriately named, was known to the Indians long before the white man came as the source of health-giving mineral waters, waters which still flow for visitors today. It was here that all of America's state parks were born.

To preserve this heritage, the Indian Springs State Park Museum contains a number of glass-framed wall cases displaying many ancient Indian relics, illustrations of tribal culture and customs, and several historic treaties which gave birth to Georgia's entire network of State Parks. Just a few feet behind the museum, the same sulphur water, valued so highly by the Creek Indians, still pours forth from a small limestone crevice.

For those who come to Indian Springs just to be close to nature, the park's marked nature trail is both popular and educational. Life along the trail illustrates a unique product of heredity and environment, and careful observation reveals many varieties of animals, green plants, trees, and odd-shaped fungi. Because the land that is now Indian Springs State Park was so revered by the Indians, many of the trees and plant life have survived there for countless generations.

Like all of Georgia's 44 State Parks, Indian Springs has something to appeal to persons of every age and interest group. Swimming, boating, fishing, picnicking, and miniature golf provide many fun-filled hours of outdoor recreation, but air-conditioned mobile homes and shady campsites never fail to please at night.

DECATUR YOUTHS WIN CONSERVATION IN STATE PARKS AWARD

The "Mod-Generation" chapter of NCHA in Decatur received second place in the Conservation In State Parks Contest sponsored by the Georgia Department of State Parks. A letter written by Parks Director John L. Gordon supported the Decatur youths in a tree planting project at Hard Labor Creek State Park and enabled them to win the award.

Bicycling Visitors Enjoy State Parks

More and more bicyclists are finding the narrow winding roads which lead to our State Parks both inviting and challenging. Like those who enjoy many other popular forms of outdoor recreation in the parks, bicycle fans have discovered that their sport is a great way to keep fit and a fine way to see the sights as well.

Applicable to all forms of exercise, however, there is a right way and a wrong way to participate. Used properly, a bicycle can furnish hours of tireless recreation and pleasurable sightseeing at a real easy-going pace.

According to the Bicycle Institute of America, a bicycle is a device that uses all of our muscles. Consequently, assuming a proper position while riding one will result in maximum efficiency, minimum effort, easier handling, and relaxed enjoyment.

The height of the saddle or seat is of prime importance, says the BIA. Bicyclists should avoid the common tendency to place the saddle too low. The ideal position is determined by setting the saddle behind an imaginary line drawn vertically through the center of the crank. When the ball of the foot is placed on the pedal, the knee should have only a very slight bend. The top of the handle bar should be set no higher than the saddle top, and the saddle should be level.

Use of energy is important, too, according to those who ride bicycles with true skill. An accomplished cyclist uses only one-half the energy that a novice requires to travel. The experienced peddle-pusher travels smoothly at an even pace without wavering. He does this by applying foot pressure to the pedals smoothly rather than thrusting down on the pedals.

Proper clothing for bicycle riding is also important. Lightweight close-fitting clothing that does not catch the wind saves weight and reduces effort. Cycling shoes, Hush Puppies, bowling shoes, or low sneakers permit nimble foot action.

To enjoy a bicycle jaunt to the fullest, experts recommend starting with a short trip and making each successive one a little longer. Both skill and endurance, they say, comes most quickly to those who ride often, rather than just occasionally.

When climbing hills, take them a bit at a time. Lower gears to comfortable values; look immediately down to the road and not to the top of the hill. Climb the hill by passing a succession of objectives . . . this pole, that tree, etc. Stop for a few minutes before becoming over-fatigued, for a short rest, a brief walk, or a bite of candy will recover your energy.

Eat lightly at the first sign of hunger and drink lightly before becoming thirsty. Never start a ride on an empty stomach.

HELPFUL HINTS ON NATURE AND WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY

Paralleling the growth of Georgia's network of State Parks, amateur photography is becoming an increasingly popular passtime with State Park visitors. The parks provide many interesting wildlife and nature subjects worth adding to any photographer's portfolio, but all too often, the amateurs first efforts to capture these on film are somewhat discouraging.

In an effort to assist State Parks visitors in their photographic endeavors, the Department of State Parks searched for and found some helpful hints on outdoor picture-taking which will, hopefully, result in more "fritz-free" films.

Among these hints, one of the basics seems to deal with the problem of picture composition. Composing a quality photograph can be compared to painting a good picture; the photographer, like the artist, should select a focal point and a suitable frame. After focusing on the subject of the snapshot, the photographer should then frame his subject in foliage, rocks, tree trunks, or other non-distracting natural materials.

Every photograph should tell a story, whether it be how an insect pollinates a flower, what makes the dew adhere to a leaf, or why a frond of fern uncurls the way it does. Such stories must be told with clarity, contrast, and detail through adequate focusing, proper light control, and sufficient shutter speeds. Consequently, an amateur nature photographer with a camera he doesn't understand can be considered as awkward as a duck out of water. It is far better to use a simple box camera with skill than an expensive multi-lens model without it.

In addition to distant scenic shots of mountains, waterfalls or forests in Georgia's State Parks, there are many other interesting subjects worth capturing on film. In the category of geology, unusual rock formations, typical rock exposures, unique structural features, and erosion effects can be considered as "possibilities". Trees can be just as photogenic when photographed in groups as they can when viewed as single specimens. In any case, they always provide endless variety in branch structure, shade effects, and seasonal changes.

Somewhat more difficult to photograph than trees and rock formations, flowers, birds, and animals require special equipment and extra patience. For clear and sharp close-ups of flowers or insects, a close angle lens is a must. A tripod is also a great asset, since the slightest movement of the camera when filming close-ups usually results in severe blurring of the final picture. Moving insects, birds, and animals require faster shutter speeds, to "freeze" their motion, and blinds are often as necessary to the photographer as they are to the hunter. In many instances, hunting and nature photography require similar skills.

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SHIRLEY SPENCE, formerly with the Parks Department's Engineering Division and later secretary to Mr. Tom Murphy, House Floor Speaker, is now the mother of a new baby girl, "Debbie Lee", born Thursday, July 31.

MRS. WYATT CLARK was recently admitted to Kennestone Hospital in Marietta, Georgia.

DEEPEST SYMPATHY to Mrs. Allison Deal, whose mother passed away last month.

JERRY MINCHEW, superintendent of Crooked River State Park, is reported to be recuperating at home after being hospitalized for his recent back trouble.

CHARLIE JONES, the Parks Department's mailroom clerk, and his wife, ODESSA, are the proud parents of a new baby boy, "Charlie Lamar, Jr.", born Friday, July 25.

LOU ADAMS, engineering secretary, and GRACE PARKER, assistant personnel officer with the Parks Department both became proud grandmothers recently. Lou's 14 month-old grandson, "Matt Adams", and Grace's 3 month-old grandson, "James Allen", both made recent visits to the Parks Department offices with their parents.

MRS. INEZ ANDERSON, State Parks housekeeping manager, recently discovered that "life's ups and downs" can come to an abrupt "stop". Mrs. Anderson was trapped in a Parks' Department building elevator for about 10 minutes in total darkness. Needless to say, when the doors of the faulty elevator opened slightly to admit a little light, she slid through the crack like melted butter.

Birthday Greetings

Mahlon Bedell	Kolomoki Mounds	Sept. 4
Jimmy Arnall	Accounting Dept.	Sept. 10
Lou Adams	Engineering Dept.	Sept. 12
George Tatum	Jefferson Davis	Sept. 12
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FALL FEVER

There should be more Fall vacations or, at the least, more Fall week ends. The world is a wonderful place when the heat of the Summer is past, the winds are not yet edged with frost, and Winter still lies a comfortable distance ahead. Summer's dust and litter have been washed and blown away, the woodlands are full of wine and gold, and the whole land is at its colorful best.

Once you get out in the open, these Fall days, there is a sense of leisure without lassitude. Spring is all eagerness, Summer is hot laziness or sweaty haste; but Autumn is achievement and a measure of contentment. Autumn is a time when hills wait for climbing, when answers to half-realized questions lie in the thin haze of the horizon. That, at least, is the feeling of Fall. Spring fever makes one wish to lie in the meadow and wait for the answers to seek him out; but Fall fever makes one wish to go and find the answers.

Adam ate the apple at this time of year, and this was the season when man first discovered the potentialities in a ripe grape. Things come to fulfillment now. Fledglings are ready to migrate. Young foxes bark in the dusk. Last Spring's fawns come into old orchards to pick and choose among the windfalls. Even the winds are restless.

For the footloose, Fall is the time when one must go. Where? Almost anywhere, on a bright day. A migrant farmhand summed it up when he said, "Every Summer I decide to pick one place and settle down. Then it comes Fall, and I just can't seem to stay where I am. If Fall would just skip a year, maybe I could make up my mind. But Fall never skips."

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from the NEW YORK TIMES

NEW STATE PARK NEARS COMPLETION

Mistletoe State Park on the shores of northeast Georgia's expansive Clark Hill Reservoir will soon be ready for visitors, according to park superintendent Rogers Bennett.

"We are approximately 85% complete as far as the buildings are concerned," said Bennett, "and about 95% of all the utilities are in."

Rogers Bennett and several other State Parks officials who have visited the mushrooming new park all seem to agree that Mistletoe, when completed, will offer visitors some of the finest scenery, camping, and year-round fishing in the State.

One of the park's prime features is a "camping peninsula", a thin strip of land extending into the Clark Hill Reservoir. On this peninsula a number of tree-shaded tent and trailer campsites share spectacular views of hills, islands, and water while they are naturally air-conditioned by lake breezes and an overhead canopy of foliage.

Just as spectacular in the architectural category, Mistletoe's facilities include a modern bath house with a large sundeck and concession area, two comfort stations, two rest stations, and a Tackle Box from which a wide variety of baits and fishing equipment will be sold to sportsmen at a convenient waterfront location.

NEW RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED

ON CANINE VISITORS TO STATE PARKS

Effective September 15, canine visitors to Georgia's 44 State Parks are no longer allowed in the cottages or mobile homes.

Dogs are still permitted to enter the parks when accompanied by owners, but must be kept on leashes not over six feet in length at all times.

As in the past, swimming areas will continue to be "off-limits" to the animals.

BOAT SHUTTLE CONNECTS CROOKED RIVER STATE PARK WITH CUMBERLAND ISLAND

The primitive beauty of Cumberland Island is now easily accessible to Crooked River State Park visitors thanks to a new boat shuttle service operating from the edge of the park. According to the Tourist Division of the State Department of Industry and Trade, the south Georgia coastal island's campground will tentatively remain open through the month of October.

Although no ferry service will be available for vehicles, campers may visit the island by boarding the shuttle boat at the Robert Davis dock adjacent to Crooked River State Park. Campers are advised to bring everything they will need in the way of supplies, unless they plan to return to Crooked River State Park for the night, since there will be only the most rudimentary supplies available on Cumberland.

Rental charges for tent trailers on the island will be \$12 a day or \$72 a week for the six-sleeper camper rigs, and \$14 a day or \$84 a week for the eight-sleeper camper rigs. These units include stoves, sinks, and small refrigerators. Rental for the primitive tent camping space will be \$3 a night or \$15 a week. Rental of bicycles will be \$2 per person to cover the cost of round trip boat transportation.

NEW FACILITIES PLANNED FOR HAMBURG STATE PARK

State Parks Director John L. Gordon met Tuesday, August 19, with District 35 Representative Francis A. Joiner and Hamburg State Park Supervisor Russell Slaton to discuss a list of additional facilities planned for Hamburg State Park near Mitchell.

According to Gordon, a new well and water system, floating boat docks, two picnic shelters, and a picnic area rest station will be added to the growing State Park by the beginning of the 1970 season. Construction on the well and water system, picnic shelters, and rest station is scheduled to begin in October. The building of the new floating boat docks is already in progress.

Mr. Gordon and Representative Joiner also discussed at their recent meeting the possibility of later adding a new wading and swimming area to the beach at the edge of the park's 225-acre lake.

BLACK ROCK VISITORS CALL SUPERINTENDENT AND STAFF:

"TWO GOOD REASONS TO COME BACK NEXT YEAR"

In a recent letter to State Parks Director John L. Gordon, a family of campers from Winter Haven, Florida, expressed their gratitude for emergency help they recently received from Black Rock superintendent Jake Thompson and his staff.

Mrs. Margaret Murrell described how an automobile accident near the park had resulted in the total loss of the family car and the hospitalization of her son in Clayton.

"Without the wonderful help provided by Mr. Thompson and his staff," she said, "we would have had a much harder job of working out our difficulties."

Mrs. Murrell continued to say that she and her family had been spending their summer vacations at Black Rock for several years because they always find the park "well taken care of by Mr. Thompson and his staff." With enthusiasm, she added, "We will surely return next year!"

INFORMATION DIVISION GOES TO GREAT PAINS TO PLEASE PROSPECTIVE VISITOR

It isn't often that the State Parks Department's Information Division receives a post card written in a foreign language, but chances are, when they do, they go to great pains to have it translated and answered.

However, when the Information Office recently received two punched-out IBM cards in an envelope marked only by a Canadian return address, the response required a little more strategy.

Nevertheless, an Information Officer accepted the challenge of the mailer and located an IBM computer to reveal the secrets of the cards. The refined message, "Please send me some brochures and maps on your State," was promptly answered.

RED CARPET ROLLS OUT FOR ALLATOONA'S 50 MILLIONTH VISITOR

First-time visitors at Red Top Mountain State Park, the W. R. Coulter family of Salem, Virginia, recently received the "red carpet treatment" when one of their numbers came up as the 50 millionth visitor to the Lake Allatoona Dam and Reservoir.

Mr. and Mrs. Coulter and children, Rob and Laurie, were quite surprised when they were honored at a special reception August 22 at the reservoir's visitor center. The Virginia family also received a number of gifts presented by several organizations represented at the affair, and a commemorative certificate presented by Fred R. Caswell, executive director of the Bartow County Chamber of Commerce.

Representing the State Parks Department at the reception were Wyatt Clark, superintendent of Red Top Mountain State Park, and Ernest Jessec, public relations officer. Other guests included Henry Tumlin, superintendent of the Etowah Indian Mounds, the Honorable Jim Tutton, mayor of Cartersville. Also present were Mr. O. H. Monroe and Mr. O. E. Miller, representing the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Bob Harrell, representing the Atlanta Journal, and Paul Miles, representing the Weekly Tribune News.

Immediately following the reception, the honorees were whisked away for a V.I.P. tour of the Allatoona Dam, after which they returned to Red Top Mountain State Park.

Although the Coulters had never visited a Georgia State Park before, they called their recent week's stay at Red Top on the shores of Lake Allatoona, "an unforgettable experience." Mrs. Coulter said, "We're really looking forward to coming back next summer!"

STATE PARKS DIRECTOR; SUPERVISOR ATTEND WATERSHED DEDICATION

State Parks Director John L. Gordon and District Supervisor Bill Fanning attended the August 29 dedication of the Tobesofkee Creek Watershed in Bibb County near Macon, Georgia.

The watershed project is a unique local-state-federal cooperative endeavor made possible by the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act of the 83rd Congress.

In addition to local and State officials, the watershed dedication ceremonies were attended by the Honorable Phil Campbell, Under Secretary of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

U.S. Will Expand Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge

The Federal government will soon add 5,145 acres of swampland to the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge at a cost of \$205,800, according to Washington sources.

A congressional spokesman revealed the price after the U. S. Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife declined to release the name of the seller or the purchase price. The same source would identify the seller only as "the King Family."

The land to be purchased is known to conservationists as a gathering area for birds making a winter home in the swamp. It is located at the northeast edge of the present Okefenokee Refuge, near Laura S. Walker State Park.

BIG JUMP EXPECTED IN GEORGIA'S TOURIST TRAFFIC

The tourist traffic in Georgia can be expected to jump anywhere from an average of two to 50% during the next decade, according to recent speculation by the State Department of Industry and Trade.

With this increase the completion of three major interstate arteries traversing the State will soon bring Georgia's most remote State Parks within easy reach of all cross-Georgia travelers.

MANY FLORIDIANS EXPRESS INTEREST IN CLOUDLAND CANYON

For several months, the State Parks Information Division has been receiving a large number of postcards from Florida residents requesting brochures and information on Cloudland Canyon State Park in northeast Georgia.

Why the sudden wave of correspondence? Apparently, through recent newspaper feature articles, Floridians have been told about Cloudland's magnificent scenery, fine accommodations, and "Little Grand Canyon", a miniature copy of its world-famous counterpart out West.

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Brown November

Those who speak of gray November must be describing their own mood, not the landscape; for this is the season of browns, not grays, the warmest, richest browns of the whole year. The vivid colors of October are past, but they are succeeded by colors that range from the rich golden tan of the sere milkweed leaf to the earth brown of the oak tree's trunk, from the blond ripeness of the corn husk to the lively russet of the apple twig.

Behold the sleek, polished mahogany acorns in their tam-o'-shantered caps of rough country tweed. See the creamed-coffee shells of the hickory nuts. Hold the brown ripeness of a white pine's cone in your hand, and know the bronze pine needles in the woodland duff. See the key tassels on the box elder, a livelier shade than that deceptive maple's leaves ever achieved. Admire the polished, leatherly, maroon-brown pods of the honey locust.

Goldenrod is a brown tangle of stems and tawny plumes at the roadside. Queen Anne's lace has become an intricate ball of weathered copper filigree. Fern fronds are tangles of cinnamon colored curls, and spore heads of the ostrich fern might have been carved from polished walnut wood. The meadow margin and the fence row are dappled with rust and terra cotta, ginger and snuff, in outworn leaf and crisp stem and ripened seed.

The spectacle of gold and crimson falls and fades, but it leaves no monotone, no colorless gray world. This is brown November, a chromatic triumph as spectacular in its own way as was green April.

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SECRETARY HICKEL APPOINTS ROBIN JACKSON TO APPALACHIAN TRAIL ADVISORY COUNCIL

United States Secretary of the Interior Walter J. Hickel announced, September 24, his appointment of Robin Jackson, Assistant to the Director of Georgia State Parks, to the Appalachian Trail Advisory Council.

Miss Jackson and Henry B. Morris, both of Atlanta, are among 34 representatives of 14 states appointed to the Council by Secretary Hickel. The two Georgians will represent the "Peach State" at the Council's first meeting, scheduled to take place in Washington, D. C. early in November.

The Appalachian National Scenic Trail follows Appalachian mountain ridges and valleys for some 2,000 miles from Mount Katahdin, Maine, to Springer Mountain, Georgia. It is one of two initial units of the National Trails System established by public law on October 2, 1968 --- the other being the Pacific Crest Trail to be administered by the U. S. Secretary of Agriculture in consultation with the Secretary of the Interior.

Representation on the Appalachian National Scenic Trail Advisory Council is drawn from each of the trail's 14 States including private land-owners and participating clubs of the Appalachian Trail Conference and the Wilderness Society.

COASTAL ISLANDS STUDY COMMITTEE VISITS

CUMBERLAND; ST. CATHERINE'S; TWO STATE PARKS

A group of Coastal Islands Study Committee members have just completed a tour of Cumberland Island, St. Catherine's Island, Crooked River State Park, and the site of the future Richmond Hill State Park in southeastern Georgia.

The touring committee members began their itinerary at Crooked River State Park, October 7, and, from there, they traveled to Cumberland Island, a meeting with St. Marys city officials, Richmond Hill, and finally to St. Catherine's, October 10.

State Parks Director John L. Gordon and Deputy Director Henry Struble were among State officials and legislators making the trip.

GORDON STRIVES TO SAVE SHRINKING PARK

One of Georgia's most unique State Parks is slowly sliding into the briny waters of the Crooked River near Kingsland and the Georgia-Florida State Line, but State Parks Director John Gordon is asking for \$1 million in his relentless effort to save it.

At present, Crooked River State Park's unprotected sandy shores are no match for the relentless forces of nature which continue to wash the park into the brackish river, inch by inch and foot by foot.

This year alone, Crooked River's shoreline was reduced by more than five feet in some sections by the eroding action of tides and rains. Deep gullies continue to stretch like greedy fingers toward the State Park's \$159,000 facilities which include a swimming pool and bathhouse as well as 15 air-conditioned cottages, boat ramps, paved roads, picnic shelters, and utility lines, just to mention a few.

Gordon said the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers estimated several years ago that a sea wall could be built at a cost of \$500,000 to stop the erosion. He added that nothing was done at the time and the estimate has doubled.

Nevertheless, in an effort to save the park, the State Parks Department will ask for \$1,136,000 in State funds in the 1970-71 fiscal year to cover the cost of both erosion control and the construction of a boat basin.

Referring to the park's unique marine and freshwater fishing and unusual plant life, as well as to its fine man-made facilities, Gordon added:

"We have a great deal to lose at Crooked River State Park, and I speak not just for the State Parks Department and the money already invested at the park, but for the people of Georgia. It is for their sake as well as for their children's that the State Parks Department is asking for additional funds sufficient to preserve this outstanding outdoor recreation center from extinction."

LEGISLATORS' STATE PARKS TOURS IN PROGRESS

A number of Georgia State legislators and State Parks officials are currently making a series of tours to more than 21 State Parks and future park sites.

The annual tours are conducted to give State officials and legislators the opportunity to review progress at the State Parks and to make recommendations for future improvements.

Details of the three-part legislative tour series will be published in the November edition of the GEORGIA STATE PARKS NEWS.

"PIONEER CAMPING REGULATIONS MUST BE ENFORCED"

The Georgia Department of State Parks is asking all State Park superintendents to rigidly enforce amended regulations pertaining to the parks' pioneer camping areas.

The Department pointed out that under these rules organized youth groups are not eligible to use pioneer camping areas without first securing a reservation with a park superintendent. The Parks Department further explained that all Boy Scout units are requested by their organization, and required by the State Parks Department, to obtain "tour permits" prior to making their reservations with park superintendents.

According to the State Parks Department, "No youth group will be allowed to camp on State Park property without an adult supervisor. Renewed emphasis on the restrictions is a necessary step to prevent overcrowding in the pioneer camping areas." Such areas are frequently used by Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and similar youth groups.

FORT YARGO FACILITIES FOR DISABLED NEAR COMPLETION

Leading the Nation in the development of outdoor recreation facilities for the handicapped, the Georgia Department of State Parks, cooperating with the Federal Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, expects Fort Yargo's \$1.4 million worth of facilities for the disabled to be completed sometime in the spring of 1970. The specially designed buildings, pedestrian bridge, and paved walkways will serve as many as 20,000 disabled persons from Georgia and throughout the United States.

Mistletoe Superintendent Speaks To Thomson Kiwanis Club

Mistletoe State Park Superintendent Rogers Bennett and Mr. Randy Lambert, his assistant, and a sophomore at Augusta College, gave an illustrated talk to the Thomson Kiwanis Club at the organization's Labor Day meeting.

Their talk featured the six State Parks nearest the Thomson area which are: A. H. Stephens, Keg Creek, Elijah Clark, Mistletoe, Bobby Brown, and Hamburg. In addition, the speakers told the Kiwanians about the latest progress on the building program at Mistletoe with emphasis on what the local citizenry could look forward to in the near future. The program was concluded with a showing of the State Parks Department's newest color film, "Open Air Georgia".

STATE PARKS DECKON WITH SPECTACULAR FALL COLOR

When Joyce Kilmer wrote the immortal words, "I think that I shall never see a poem lovely as a tree," he must have been inspired by the same magnificent autumn colors that are now attracting thousands of visitors to Georgia's forests.

Trekking to the mountains on October weekends to admire the colorful foliage displays has been a Georgia tradition for a long, long time. This time of year, the highways twist and turn through waves of color as the various trees turn purple, red, gold, orange, yellow and brown. There are 34 native trees growing in the State, each with its own special coloring.

Jack Frost comes first to the highlands around Blue Ridge, Clayton, Hiawassee, and Young Harris where the Appalachians spill into Georgia. Nature's artist wields his brush at the highest altitudes by mid-October, and then scurries southward to splash colors promiscuously as far south as the Florida State Line.

There are numerous locations for color watches in the 618,000-acre Chattahoochee National Forest, and in such State Parks as Amicalola Falls, Black Rock Mountain, Moccasin Creek, Blackburn, Cloudland Canyon, Tugaloo, Hart, Vogel, Elijah Clark, and Fort Mountain. In addition to backdrops of mountain scenery, other accents are provided by streams, waterfalls, and lakes. The waters of Clark Hill Reservoir and Lake Hartwell, for example, provide spectacular mirrors for the fall color panoramas at four State Parks.

At Amicalola Falls State Park near Juno, lacey waters and autumn colors mingle, while at Black Rock Mountain, Cloudland Canyon, and Fort Mountain, there are sweeping panoramic views.

Farther south, Jack Frost presents outstanding leaf shows at Indian Springs, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Hard Labor Creek, Fort Yargo, and Little Ocmulgee State Parks. Here, the visitor finds rainbows of color along numerous streams where the color-touched trees form brilliant dots and threads among the green of the never-changing pines.

NEW MINIATURE GOLF COURSE TO OPEN AT LITTLE OCMULGEE

The State Parks Department's 14th miniature golf course, now under construction, is scheduled to open in November at Little Ocmulgee State Park near McRae.

In the fiscal year ending June 30, 1969, a total of 118,042 played miniature golf in the 13 parks where courses were in use.

In addition to Little Ocmulgee's new facility, popular miniature golf facilities are located at Laura S. Walker, Magnolia Springs, Indian Springs, Elijah Clark, Kolomoki Mounds, Georgia Veterans, Reed Bingham, Tugaloo, Red Top Mountain, Chehaw, Fort Yargo, F. D. Roosevelt, and Vogel State Parks.

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MORE NEW COTTAGES IN FOUR STATE PARKS

A number of the 31 newest cottages in four Georgia State Parks are finished, furnished, and ready for occupancy. Those as yet unfinished are expected to be ready for visitors sometime early in 1970. The new two-bedroom facilities are located at Elijah Clark, Georgia Veterans, Hard Labor Creek, and Tugaloo State Parks.

A sign of dynamic progress in the expanding Georgia State Parks system, the new cottages will accommodate eight to ten persons. In addition to two bedrooms, the new cottages boast a large kitchen-dining area, living room with fireplace, patio-deck, and ample closet space. All are attractively appointed and complete with linens, heating, and, in warmer parts of the State, many have air-conditioning.

The 31 newest State Parks facilities bring the total number of overnight accommodations to 219.

ORPHANAGE WELCOMES GIFT FROM GORDONIA ALATAMAHA

When the lake at Gordonia Alatomaha State Park was drained in September to eliminate an excess of lily pads and unpalatable fish, a few hundred frying pan candidates failed to escape over the dam. Park superintendent Derrell Rush, however, saw to it that 600 pounds of the fish did not die in vain.

Derrell and a number of helpers gathered the helpless fish from the drying lake bottom, packed them like sardines into two large drums, and presented the packaged seafood to the Georgia Baptist Children's Home in nearby Baxley, Georgia. The unusual but tasty gift was gratefully accepted by Mr. "Red" Coleman, superintendent of the Children's Home, who turned the fish over to approximately 225 delighted children.

SEASON'S FIRST SNOW GREET'S STATE PARK VISITORS

Visitors in a number of north Georgia's State Parks on Friday, November 14, weren't "just whistling Dixie", but "walkin' in a winter wonderland", too.

Catching many by pleasant surprise, the first snowfall of the season blanketed at least six State Parks while flurries fell as far south as Atlanta. According to reports, those parks which received a measurable covering of the white stuff included Fort Mountain, Vogel, Black Rock Mountain, Amicalola Falls, and Cloudland Canyon State Parks.

Georgia Recreation And Park Conference Stresses "Quality" Theme

The 25th Annual Georgia Recreation and Park Conference, held in Savannah, November 16-17, stressed the importance of quality in outdoor recreation. The "quality" theme was in keeping with one of the organization's chief goals, "to provide recreation of the highest caliber for all".

The Georgia Recreation and Park Society, affiliated with the National Recreation and Parks Association, stands today on the belief that recreation is a way of life, that planned programs of leisure can enhance the life of an individual and a community, and that the many people and groups representing recreation and parks throughout Georgia, whether they be private or public, can do a better job for their communities by joining hands in a united effort toward common goals.

Attending the Annual Conference as representatives of the Georgia Department of State Parks were Director John Gordon, Assistant to the Director Robin Jackson, Supervisor Bill Fanning, and Superintendent and Mrs. Dodson Carter of Hard Labor Creek State Park.

Miss Robin Jackson was elected to the board of the outdoor section of GRPS, succeeding Jim Prevatte of the State Planning Bureau. Tom Williams was installed as Society president for the coming year.

Among outstanding personalities at the conference were: Dr. J. W. Fanning, University of Georgia vice-president for services; Ira J. Hutchison, Jr., special assistant with the Department of Urban Affairs of the NRPA, and Dr. Harold D. Meyer, University of North Carolina professor emeritus.

AUTUMN COLOR UPS STATE PARKS ATTENDANCE

Nature's fall color spectacle upped the total number of campers in many Georgia State Parks by as much as 10%, according to reports received by the State Parks Department's Information Office.

BOBBY BROWN HOSTS DIXIE DRIFTERS

Members of the Dixie Drifters Campers' Club, their families, and guests enjoyed an evening fish fry, October 25, at Bobby Brown State Park.

A brief business session was held with club president, Bud Sorrells, presiding. Charles Rucker, club advisor, presented a certificate to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Rucker, co-presidents for the past two years, in appreciation for their contributions to the club. A report on the Georgia National Campers and Hikers Association fall campout, held at Magnolia Springs State Park, was given by Mrs. Charles Rucker. Following the business meeting, everyone enjoyed cake, coffee, and conversation around a large bonfire.

GORDON SPEAKS TO "STAY GONERS" IN MARIETTA

In a November 4 speech to the "Stay Goners Travel Club" in Marietta, State Parks Director John L. Gordon talked on the history and progress of Georgia State Parks since 1925.

Gordon told "Stay Goners" that he, himself, had been a family camper prior to joining the State Parks Department seven years ago, and that, for this reason, he has continued to maintain a special interest in the development of camping in Georgia.

"During the seven years that I have served with the Parks Department, I have tried to keep Georgia's camping areas abreast with those of other states," he explained. Emphasizing the overall progress of the Georgia Parks system during the same seven-year span, Gordon said:

"When I came with the Parks Department in 1963, the highest recorded total revenue for the Department was \$99,000. This was for all parks in the system. This past year, the total revenue was nearly \$1,100,000. This has been an increase of \$300,000 over the 1966-67 total revenue."

PARKS DIRECTOR ATTENDS DEDICATION OF WILDLIFE REFUGE

State Parks Director John Gordon was among both State and National government officials who attended the November 18 dedication of the Richard J. Reynolds Wildlife Refuge on Sapelo Island, Georgia.

The 8,500 acres of land for the new wildlife refuge was sold to the State Game and Fish Commission by tobacco heiress, Mrs. R. J. Reynolds, for \$885,000, less than half of its estimated worth in the real estate market.

At the dedication ceremonies, Mrs. Reynolds unveiled a memorial marker to her late husband. The address was delivered by Governor Lester G. Maddox.

COASTAL ISLANDS STUDY COMMITTEE TOURS HILTON HEAD

Members of the Georgia Coastal Islands Study Committee toured Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, November 17, invited by the Cumberland Island Holding Company and the Sea Pines Plantation Company. State Parks personnel on the trip included Director John Gordon and Supervisor Bill Fanning.

While at Hilton Head, the Georgia committee members visited Sea Pines Plantation, a 5,200-acre planned recreational environment built during the past 12 years. The development is outstanding as the only community in America to be awarded the American Institute of Architects' Certificate of Excellence in Private Community Planning.

Of more significance to the Study Committee members and the State Parks Department, however, the development was a practical lesson in methods of controls over design and land use permitting land to be used for human enjoyment while preserving natural beauty for future generations.

ENGLISH NATURE GUIDE EDITOR SEEKS INFORMATION ON GEORGIA PARKS

Editor of a new guide to 600 world wildlife areas, Mr. M. J. Ross-Macdonald, has asked for information on Georgia's State Parks for use in his publication.

In addition to general information on parks, preserves, and wildlife management areas, Mr. Ross-Macdonald has requested specific data on rare or semi-rare plant and animal species native or endemic to the "Peach State" and the State's 44 parks.

When completed, the guide will give information on the area, altitude, layout, and landscape of accessible outdoor recreation sites throughout the world. Facts on mammals, birds, plants, and fish will be included as well as information on available overnight accommodations and other facilities.

Mention of Georgia State Parks in this new publication could prove to be quite a boon to Georgia tourism, since it would expose facts on the State's growing parks to thousands of traveling outdoorsmen and nature enthusiasts around the globe.

NEW STATE PARKS FILM NEARS COMPLETION

The State Parks Department's third motion picture with color and sound was given final approval by Parks Director John Gordon at a special pre-view showing, November 24, by its maker, Shelton Productions, Inc.

Entitled, "An Outdoor Adventure," the latest State Parks film will run for 13½ minutes and features Blackburn, Fort Mountain, Kolomoki Mounds, Magnolia Springs, Georgia Veterans, and Hard Labor Creek State Parks.

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WELCOMES AND FAREWELLS

We welcome as newcomers: Opal Brown (Planning Division), David Hansen (Tugaloo), and Walter Smith (Franklin D. Roosevelt).

We are sorry to lose, however, Jean Stansell, who is leaving the Planning Division to accept a new job closer to her home in Jackson, and James T. White, who is leaving Moccasin Creek.

Supervisor RAY KEASEY was injured Tuesday, Nov. 21, in an auto accident near Royston and Victoria Bryant State Park. Ray was not hurt seriously, however, and was back on the job three days later, complaining about that *!#!#** driver who hit him at 60 m.p.h. on the wrong side of a curve.

CARDS OF THANKS

I would like to thank each person who contributed time and money to make possible the memorial to Monroe B. Andrews, who was a beloved superintendent of Bobby Brown State Park for so many years.

Thank you especially to Mr. Paul Dixon for creating a memorial of such beauty, to Mr. Carl Scott for working so diligently to raise funds, and to Jimmy Bond and the State Parks Department for their cooperation.

Mrs. Malcom Wilson

I wish to express my appreciation to each of you who had a part in erecting the monument at Bobby Brown State Park, in memory of my late husband, Monroe B. Andrews, who served as superintendent from the time this park was established in 1957 until his death, February 24, 1969.

This was indeed a kind expression of your love for which I shall always be grateful.

Appreciatively,
Mrs. Monroe B. Andrews

Mr. and Mrs. ERNEST JESSEE returned, November 8, from a week's cruise to Port Antonio, Kingston, and Montego Bay, Jamaica.

OUR SYMPATHY to HERB MOYE on the recent death of his mother, Mrs. Henry Winter Moye, a native of Barnesville, Ga.

Birthday Greetings

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Dodson Carter
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